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Go fish!

Three partners associated with the fish hatchery met with the Ministry of Natural Resources' upper management to bring them up to speed on the hatchery's benefits.



Playoffs begin

Who will advance to the next level of hockey action? That's what is being determined this week as the Highland Storm breezes through the playoffs.

In Quotes

"It's a new ball game now that the meters have been installed."
Kawartha Dairy's Don Crowe



Darren Lum/TIMES

Sock it to her

Archie Stouffer Elementary School kicked off its Multiple Sclerosis Read-a-thon with amazing enthusiasm. There were nearly 250 students who signed up on the first day. Megan Murphy, a co-ordinator with the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, made the trip from Toronto to educate the students about MP and read-a-thon benefits. Here she has some fun with student Nicole Reddering, who was challenged to try to do up the buttons on her sweater with socks on her hand to find out what it's like to have MS. Last year the school raised \$3,300.

Water costs may triple for Minden businesses

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Several businesses owners whose buildings are connected to the Minden water and sewer services got an unwelcome surprise when they opened their mail earlier this month. They were advised that their bills can be expected to increase, some by a huge amount.

The notice, which was sent out to a few Minden businesses, seemed to be a heads-up from Public Works Superintendent Clayton Cameron on his last day on the job, giving business owners an idea of what to expect when they get their water and sewer bills.

Dave Willis, owner of the Rockcliffe Hotel, got a letter from the municipality telling him to expect his bill to "be substantially higher than in the past."

Willis is accustomed to paying about \$3,600 a year for water and sewer services. He has been advised that his bill could be more than double that, to a total of \$7,500 - \$3,500 for water and \$4,000 for sewer.

"It's ridiculous," Willis said. "Something's not right with the numbers."

Willis said the highest meter readings didn't coincide with his busiest time of the year. He also noted that the sewer rate is based on the water use. "What about the water I use to hose down the sidewalk in front of my business to help keep the town looking nice," he asked. "That water doesn't go into the sewer."

He suggested that council members might take a different view if they were connected to the municipal water and sewer system. "Not one of them is on town water," he pointed out.

Other Minden businesses received similar notification.

Don Crowe of Kawartha Dairy said he was told his water and sewer bill could increase from \$1,700 to \$8,000.

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Minden reaps reward of increased assessments

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the January 16 meeting of Minden Hills Committee-of-the-Whole.

Minden Hills could have an extra \$423,000 in revenue this year because of 2002 reassessments, an increase of 14.4 per cent over last year.

The residential class in Minden bears the brunt of the burden of higher assessments, accounting for 99 per cent of that additional tax base.

"It's rather scary and it's inappropriate," said Councillor Peter Oyler.

Oyler said that during budget deliberations, the township should look at decreasing taxes to reflect the additional revenue that the residential property owners will be expected to fork over.

"I recognize that while we need some of these dollars," Oyler said, "the residential class should not be asked to bear the brunt of the burden."

After the December 12 council meeting, Treasurer Mary Jane Irwin was asked by council to put together some numbers on how the reassessment has affected the township. She said that new buildings in the township have also been a reason for the elevated revenue, but that increased reassessments was the main contributor.

Councillors Ingram Wessell and Oyler both said they had received phone calls from upset constituents, while Councillor Bill Obee said he hasn't received a single call.

As far as reducing taxes, Reeve Ross Rigney said that it will be a question the township's needs for 2003.

Haliburton/Stanhope Airport

The manager of the Stanhope/Haliburton Airport made a pit stop in Minden Hills last week to promote the airport as a county-wide endeavour and keep Minden Hills up-to-date on the happenings at the airport.

At first John Packer planned on showing a video of the airport - a project which has been in the works for about a year now - but he was forced to speak off the cuff when the tape would not play because of technical difficulties with the VCR.

"The airport is moving in a positive direction," Packer said. "We are looking for support throughout the county."

County council has recently said it would consider assuming responsibility for the Stanhope Airport, which is currently owned and operated by the township of Algonquin Highlands.

Packer said he felt it was important to keep the stakeholders, including members of the county municipalities, abreast of events at the county's only airport.

"We are selling it as a community airport," he said. "We see ourselves as a major county supporter."

Top on the list of discussion points was the possibility of a new runway. Packer said the airport and the committee would like to have a proposal for the provincial government by the beginning of March.

Other points of discussion included budget highlights such as the four fly-ins at the airport, volunteers and the possibility of future businesses at the airport.

Farmers' Market

This summer the Farmers' Market will have a new location - along the Gull River.

Councillors decided to give the Farmers' Market a more prominent position and will permit the farmers to set up the market along the river bank beside South Water Street on Saturday mornings in the summer.

"The river bank is an ideal local," said Deputy-Reeve

Jim McMahon. "It will do the town a whole lot of good."

When approached by Jean Schicklin-Tyler at a recent council meeting, the Farmers' Market initially requested the change in location but also asked if South Water Street could be closed Saturday mornings.

Councillors thought that shutting down motor vehicle access to the street was not a good idea.

"It's actually an advantage for the street to stay open," Rigney said. "More traffic will be able to drop in."

While the street won't be shut down, Councillor Bill Obee did recommend the township post no-parking signs along the street late Friday night, or early Saturday morning.

Councillors said they would give the new location a try and would adjust parking places in the summer months if necessary.

Fire calls

So far this month, the Minden Volunteer Fire Department has already been called to 10 emergencies.

"It's getting busier and busier," said Fire Chief Doug Schell.

Last year the township got six calls for the entire month of January. Now there have been 10 calls and January is only halfway through.

The fire department has been called to one house fire, one workshop fire, three motor vehicle accidents and five medical calls.

Numbers were also up for the year 2002, with 111 calls in total.

Noise Bylaw

Councillor Ron Buchanan said the township is making inroads on establishing a noise bylaw with the help of the local detachment of the OPP.

Buchanan said he hopes to have a bylaw in place before the long weekend in May.

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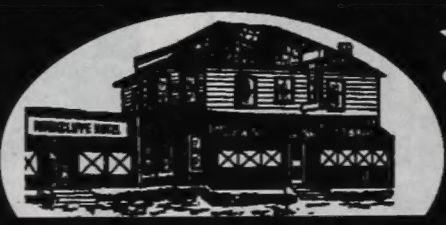
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Fire on ice

(l-r) Don and Sherry Stromberg with Barry and Donna Thompson pose in front of their Minden Fire Truck snow sculpture that sits on Barry Thompson's property, facing Scotch Line Rd. East. The two couples took hours to complete the sculpture that occasionally receives paint touch-ups. Both Don and Barry are with the Minden Hills Fire Department.

Funding for Hyland Crest and Highland Wood drops

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

Nursing staff at Haliburton Highlands Health Services may be feeling the pinch in the next fiscal year as HHHS faces a \$150,000 loss in revenue due to a low rating the province uses to establish funding levels for long term care facilities.

The Case Mix Index or CMI rating has fallen below the ideal 100 for both HHHS facilities.

The change will mean a loss of \$85,000 for Highland Wood in Haliburton and \$65,000 for Hyland Crest in Minden.

"When a vast majority of expenses are wages you know where the savings are likely to be," said Keith Sansford, HHHS chief executive officer at Thursday's board meeting. "We've historically over spent in nursing...done it again over \$100,000."

He says HHHS has been able to do so by under spending in administration but now more savings will have to be found. Sansford says the board should consider "zeroing out nursing", meaning spend the provincial allotment for nursing only instead of supplementing it with savings from elsewhere.

Jack Brezina, HHHS board chair,

argued that over spending in nursing is a positive aspect of HHHS because as a board they consciously chose to concentrate on patient care and pay for it through other budgets. He says they have not "been doing it negligently."

"It is possible that if we did zero out nursing (requiring a drop in the current level of nursing) it would create an unsafe situation. In that case we wouldn't do it," says Sansford.

Cathy Outram, HHHS financial officer, explained that budgeting around what the CMI may or may not be is difficult. The CMI rating refers to how much care a patient needs based on their condition and that level is put into context with a provincial average - a complex formula the Ministry of Health uses to establish funding.

The problem, she says, is the CMI is derived from a review of residents' case files for a period of three months. But after that review the resident could suffer from a stroke or other ailment and need significantly more care. The institution will not get extra funding for that care until another review is done. The funds are not back dated to when the resident suffered from a decline in health and needed more service.

This year it would appear, Outram says, that the provincial average of "neediness" has gone up while HHHS residents' health conditions have not changed significantly enough in acuity in the eyes of the ministry to warrant additional funding.

"So if you've got healthier patients, you're penalized?" asked Peter White, board member.

"Circumstances have evolved that way," Sansford replied.

Long-term care facilities are prevented from cherry picking sicker residents to boost their CMI ratings because admission is primarily done by Access Centres.

Dick Charron, HHHS board's vice-chair, commented that under the ministry's formula the only efficient way to run a long-term care facility is to have 90 to 100 beds while they only have 30 in Highland Wood and 60 in Hyland Crest.

County warden Ross Rigney agreed with him and added the county always had trouble trying to keep up the rating when it ran what is Hyland Crest.

Brezina says an operational review being conducted by Extendicare will be submitted in time for budget deliberations and perhaps will highlight ways to save money without sacrificing the current level of care.

Minden Hills withdraws bid to buy Jug City building

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

Plans by Minden Hills council to purchase the Jug City building on the corner of Main Street and Highway 35, to be the possible future site of the Minden municipal office, have been put on the back burner.

At a closed council meeting in mid-December council decided to submit a

conditional offer on the building. The building is being advertised for sale for \$500,000.

"We were looking at expanding the municipal office," said Reeve Ross Rigney.

"It didn't fit into our plans," says Reeve Ross Rigney.

Over the past month, that conditional offer was cancelled. Rigney, who did not give any reasons why the offer was removed, said that "council changed its mind."

"It didn't fit into our plans," Rigney said, "so we dismissed the offer. It doesn't matter why - it didn't meet our terms."

Rigney did not say how much the offer was for.

In a recorded vote, Councillors Ingram Wessell and Bill Valentine voted against putting a conditional offer on the building in the first place.

Wessell said the building did not meet the needs of the township.

"I think the town hall should be down town," he said on the phone last week.

Rigney said the township has been looking all over for a potential new location for the municipal office. He did not say if the council has put another offer forward, on any other buildings in the area.

"There are a number of sites to look at," he said.

Money for a new municipal office is available from transitional funding from when the township amalgamated last year, Wessell said.

He did not say how much money was available, but that it was a "considerable" amount.

Separate snowmobile accidents injure two people last Saturday

Two people were injured within minutes of one another in two separate snowmobile accidents last Saturday, January 18.

Just after 2 p.m., 23-year-old Scott Stewart of Seagrave was travelling on a trail in Glamorgan.

He lost his balance while negotiating a corner and when he put his left leg out to

regain balance, the leg struck a tree.

He was transported to Haliburton Hospital with a broken leg before being airlifted to a hospital in Oshawa.

Around the same time, Marcel Ekelschot of Toronto was operating his snowmobile at the parking area of the public boat launch at Black Lake in

Lutterworth. As his 1997 SkiDoo accelerated, it struck a female who was standing in the parking lot.

She was taken to the Minden hospital where she was treated for minor injuries and released.

No charges have been laid in either incident.

Ministry of Natural Resources brass impressed with HHOA, HHSS partnership

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

The provincial government's funding of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery and Education Centre is proving to be a wise investment. That's the impression a few senior officials of the Ministry of Natural Resources took with them from a get-together of stakeholders at the facility on Haliburton County Road 1 last week.

Several staff members from the Minden MNR office hosted some district and regional MNR managers in what Area Supervisor Bill Hutson called an "open, informal meeting" with the new Regional Director Ron Running, Operations Manager Don Yarranton, Regional Science and Information Manager Alex Gardner, Acting Bancroft District Manager Doug Unsworth and others. The meeting included representatives from the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association and students and teachers from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School as well as several staff members from the Minden MNR office.

Hutson introduced the visiting MNR officials, as well as members of his own staff.

HHSS students, under the supervision of Science Department Head Dave Mowat, have been involved with numerous projects which have been of great benefit to the community, the MNR, the HHOA and to the natural resources of Haliburton County. Students representing every grade at the high school gave short presentations explaining the projects they have completed and how those projects related to resource management and education.

Kyla Matheson, who has been the Hatchery Manager for the past year and a half, outlined her role and the relationship between the Outdoors Association, the MNR, the high school and elementary schools and other partners. High school students have been involved with numerous projects in conjunction with the HHOA and the MNR, including collection of lake trout eggs from local lakes to be raised in the hatchery as well as fin clipping of the fish for future identification before they are stocked. They have also assisted with tours of the facility

by elementary school students and teachers.

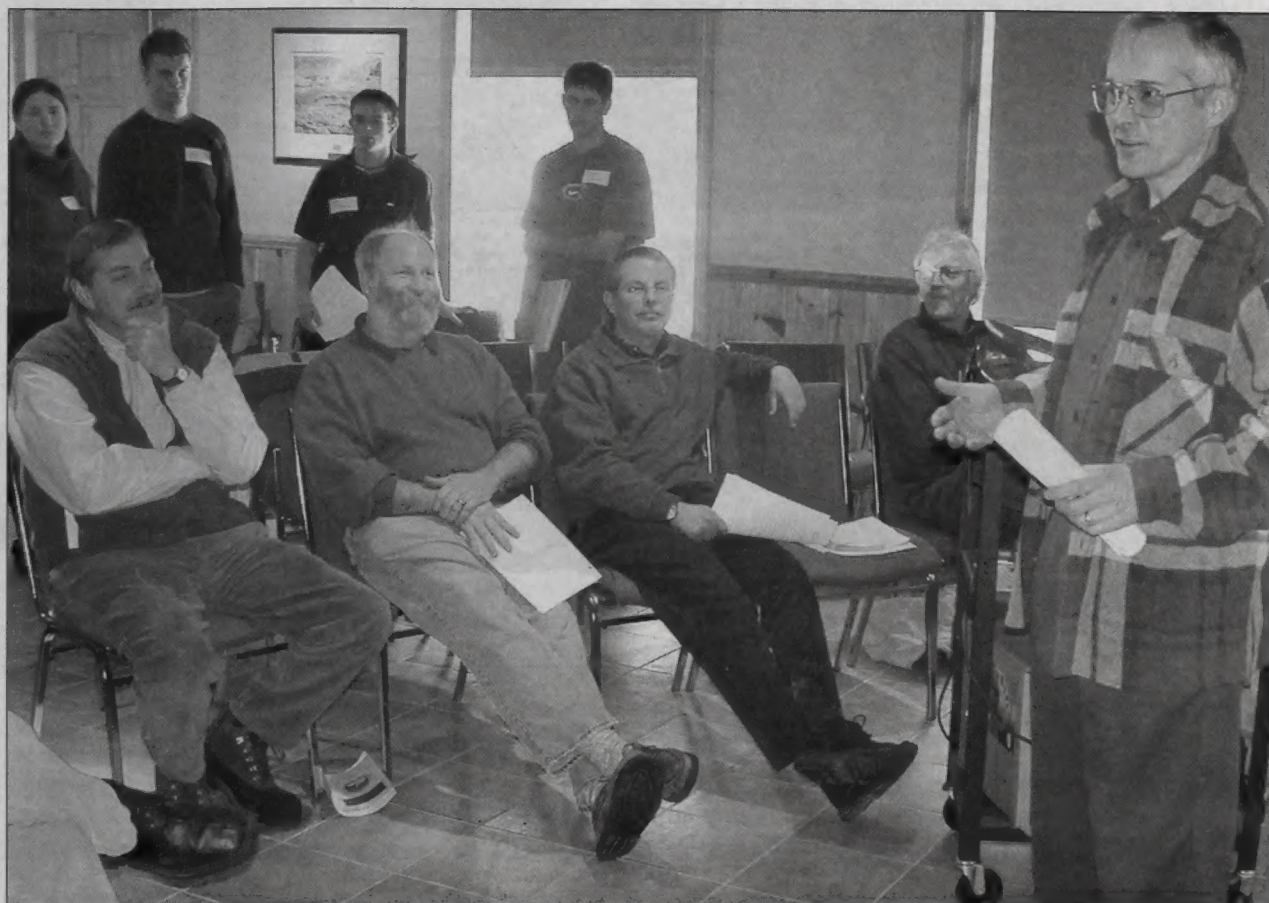
Matheson noted that the students have learned a great deal from their experiences at the hatchery and in the field, working with Outdoors Association volunteers and MNR personnel. "The volunteers have also learned from the students," she said.

Matheson said the volunteers are the backbone of the

Association. "About 50 volunteers come through here on a weekly basis to do different things," she said. "Most are fish feeders, but others come in and do maintenance work and anything that needs to be done here."

She said the volunteers have a sense of ownership and

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HHSS science department head Dave Mowat explained the partnership his students enjoy with the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association. Students work with HHOA Hatchery Manager Kyla Matheson, Association volunteers and MNR personnel.

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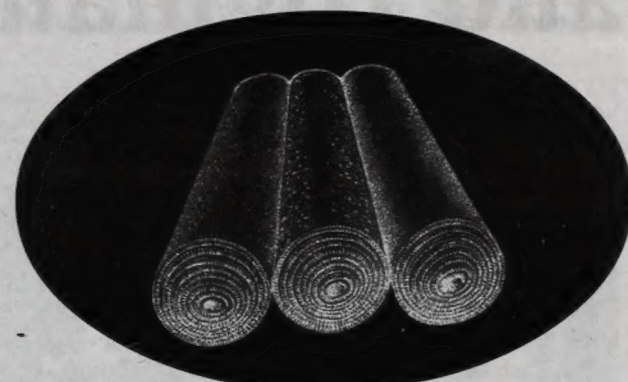
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Hatchery is also an education centre

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they really enjoy the work they do.

"If it weren't for the community support and the volunteers, this project would not be able to proceed. The volunteers do a lot of work," she said.

"This building and what goes on here is more than just a game and fish club," Hutson explained, adding that the MNR, the HHOA and the community want the public to be aware of what is being done. "This is an education centre," he said. "Yes, we raise fish here, but we also do a lot of other things."

Hutson introduced MNR Fisheries Extension Biologist David Flowers and explained to the visitors that he is the liaison between the MNR and the Outdoors Association. Flowers explained his interpretation of partnerships as they relate to the hatchery facility and the partners associated with it.

Flowers noted that the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters is also a partner in the Haliburton Lake Trout Project. He said the project is not just to stock fish, it also includes research to determine if the stocking is effective.

"If you're the MNR and you can put out a product and you can show it, there's a good chance you're going to get money next year," he said. "That's one way of looking at partnerships."

"The HHOA and the high school have built walleye and lake trout spawning beds and they have helped us to assess and monitor whether they're working."

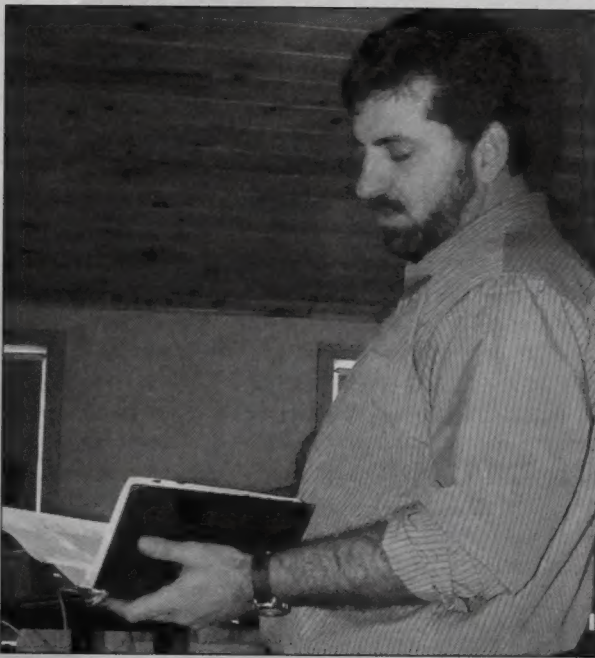
Because of the community interaction, between the HHOA and the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, there was a sanctuary status set up on Head Lake. He said the high school students' work on the Drag River to enhance walleye spawning beds and the clean-up of the river resulted in the need for some additional protection for that resource.

"It wouldn't have happened with out them and it wouldn't have happened without the support of the HHOA," Flowers said. "We've also had special regulations concerning lake trout. Slots were removed on eight lakes." He added that winter closure that was in effect for 14 years on Drag Lake was lifted. "It was because of the co-operation of all the partners that we were able to do that," he said.

"I don't think there is any other place in south central Ontario that can match the dedication and enthusiasm that is shown by these two partners [HHSS and HHOA]."

The things that I have a lot of enthusiasm for are the values associated with education, community awareness and involvement."

The near shore community index netting project that was completed by the high school students is an example of students taking over where the old MNR left off. "In the good old days, the MNR would go out and hire two staff members to do this project. They would spend a couple of weeks, we'd pay them and they would write a nice glossy report. End of story," Flowers said. "We did a near shore netting project that involved about 40 students over the past two years. Every student involved with that project got an education as to what's happening out in their environment. They got involved in collecting the data and they owned the results of that netting study and generated the reports. But beyond the education aspects, they were involved in engaging the public, telling them about the project and they presented that informa-



Jerry Grozelle/TIMES

MNR Fisheries Extension Biologist David Flowers told Ministry managers how important the HHOA Hatchery is to the community, not only to raise fish for stocking, but also as an educational facility.

tion in public forums on more than one occasion when 50 to 100 people have been there and listened to them."

Flowers used the opportunity to make a sales pitch for MNR funding to ensure the hatchery/education centre continues to operate.

"What we're trying to do with this facility is develop a trust," he told the MNR senior managers. "This facility was built with about \$300,000 of MNR money. It has been in operation for five years. We're now looking at ways to sustain this property. This is a focal point; it's a classroom. Kyla and the volunteers have had 300-400 kids here on an annual basis."

Flowers said attitudes are changing and people are becoming more conservation minded. He cited the Walleye Watch Program which was started in conjunction with the Drag River Project. Students counted the number of fish coming up the river. "That led to more rehab work; it led to more community involvement and on any given night in April when the fish were spawning, you could count anywhere from 50 to 100 people down there watching the fish - students bringing their parents and other relatives and they had a good kinship and relationship to what's happening in their own back yard, right in the town of Haliburton."

Flowers stressed the importance of the hatchery facility to the community. "This is a teaching laboratory. It's a place where the high school students can feel it is their second home."

He presented some background information regarding the trust fund he is trying to establish to Regional Director Ron Running.

Before the HHSS students made their presentations, Matheson conducted a tour of the hatchery for the visitors. She explained how the hatchery is operated and the role the volunteers play.

Dave Mowat told the group that his students were focused on community fisheries involvement. He said he wanted them to have

"real experience with real dollars and real consequences."

Mowat gave his own definition of a partnership, which he described as "a successful, productive relationship that meets the needs of all the partners."

"What makes this partnership so successful is that the members of the HHOA, the employees at the MNR and the employees at the high school seem to be on the same page," Mowat said. "That's really crucial."

They applied for, and received, MNR grants through the Community Fisheries and Wildlife Involvement Program. Students from all grades have been involved in various projects. Representatives from each group gave a brief synopsis of their specific projects, including planting natural vegetation along the shore of the Drag River, changing the look of Head Lake Park, rehabilitating the Drag River and improving the walleye spawning beds, assessing river science, stabilizing the river bank, the Fish on Wheels Program (in which high school students introduce elementary school students to fish biology and habitat) and the HHSS involvement with Haliburton Gold - the Haliburton Lake Trout Project.

The afternoon's agenda finished with a tour of parts of the Drag River where students did their rehabilitation and spawning bed enhancement work.

Don Yarranton is the Regional Operations Manager for the MNR's South Central Region, based in Peterborough. He said the last time he was at the site, it was still in the construction process. "It was nice to see how the project has proceeded," he said. Yarranton commended the work of David Flowers, Dave Mowat, the students and HHOA officials and volunteers. "I can honestly say the future is in good hands," he said, adding that the students are very environmentally conscious, enthusiastic and proactive. "It is a very positive partnership," Yarranton said.

He commented that he was very impressed with the enthusiasm shown by the students and noted that they are good ambassadors.

"It's nice to see how a partnership can work in such unique and imaginative ways," Yarranton said. "The students have demonstrated responsible citizenship. Partnerships are built and fueled by volunteers within those groups."

Yarranton stressed the importance of getting young people involved in such partnerships. "It's the right way to go," he said. He termed the local situation a positive, futuristic approach to resource management. "The community support is tremendous," he added.

Yarranton said many people will look at the education component of the facility with envy.

"The real benefactors are the resources," he said.

MNR Area Supervisor Bill Hutson is very happy with the partnerships that have developed. "I think it is what the MNR should be doing in a bigger way," he said. He is pleased that the young people are learning about the environment and the hunting and fishing heritage of Haliburton County.

"I hope we can continue that partnership between the school, the HHOA and the MNR even after Dave Mowat retires," Hutson said.

Mowat will bid farewell to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and his students at the end of this month.

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Council has yet to set metered water rates

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Crowe is taking a wait-and-see attitude. He said one of the big consumers of water with his business is the ice-making machines. "If the water turns out to be cheaper somewhere else, we'll move the ice maker there," he said.

In the meantime, he's not going to lose any sleep over the situation. He said there are other ways to reduce water consumption.

"It's a new ball game now that the meters have been installed," Crowe said. "We don't know what the rates will be. Time will tell."

Terri Gardner of Jasper's Restaurant said her notice suggested her water and sewer rate could increase from about \$800 per year to more than \$3,000.

Many of Minden's businesses are surviving on a small profit margin and a hefty increase in expenses could drive them under. "The municipality seems to think that because we're commercial businesses we can afford huge increases," she said.

Minden Hills CAO Gerry Morrison said that the actual costs will be determined during the budget process. The rates have not yet been set and council will deal with them during budget deliberations late in February.

"The rates will be estimated based on 2002 meter readings," Morrison said. He noted that the figures mentioned in the notice appeared to be approximate, based on the projected budget. "Council may not accept the estimates."

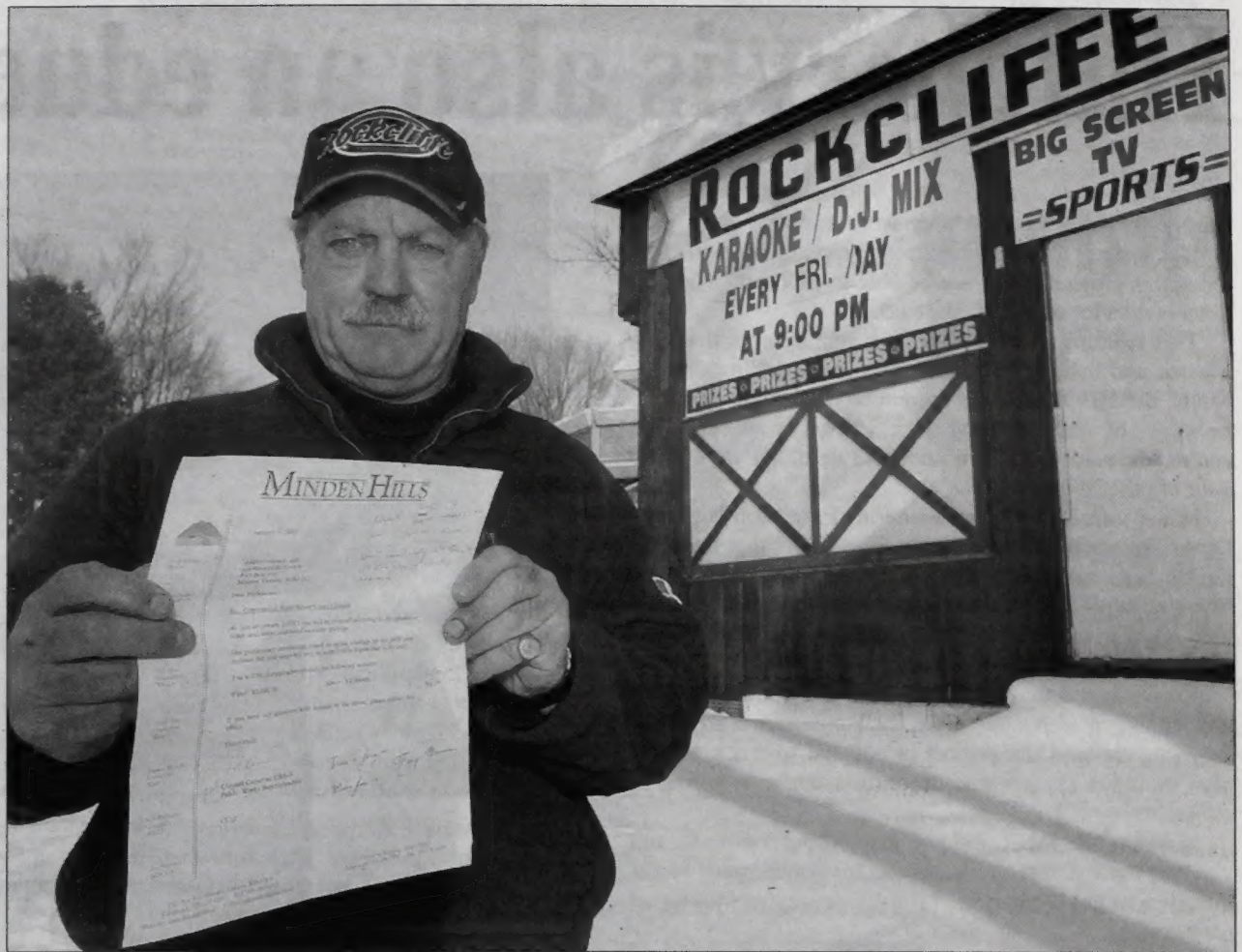
Morrison said the cost to provide water and sewer for 2002 are known. The budget will be based on estimates for 2003, taking actual usage (meter readings) into account. The previous rates were calculated according, among other factors, to the number of washrooms.

Morrison acknowledged that some businesses which use a high volume of water will see an increase in their bills this year but, he said, "some will receive a decrease."

The Minden Hills CAO said letters explaining the situation will be sent out to all those business owners who have contacted the municipality regarding the notices.

Although the notice was on Minden Hills letterhead, Reeve Ross Rigney said the letter was unauthorized. "There was no council directive to send out such a notice. This has caught everyone unawares," he said, adding, "the figures were out of whack."

Rigney said it won't be known what the commercial water and sewer rates are until the budget is set.



Darren Lum/TIMES

Dave Willis, who was told the water rates at the Rockcliffe could more than double with the new meter system, says businesses are waiting to respond to council's next move.

The reeve said it was unfortunate that the letter was sent. He noted that of the 130 businesses which have meters installed, only 16 or 17 were sent the notices.

"Obviously, there will be some increases," Rigney said. "But some will see their water and sewer rates go down. We'll take a look at [the rates] during budget meetings."

He said the projected costs will be analyzed and rates will be set to cover the costs. "The key is how do you share the costs," he said.

A meeting of business owners who received the notice was scheduled for tonight. The business owners were also preparing to send a delegation to this Thursday's council meeting. But after Willis discussed the matter with Reeve Rigney, the meeting was cancelled and the business owners will wait to see how their water and sewer rates are affected when the budget is struck.

Former Public Works Superintendent Clayton Cameron, who recently started a new job with another municipality, said he submitted a report to council which was approved at the September meeting. In the report, he recommended advising the businesses which would see their water and sewer rates more than double. Approval

of the minutes of the Environment and Public Works Committee effectively granted authorization.

Cameron said the cost to produce one cubic metre of water in Minden in 2002 was \$1.25. When he calculated the cost for 2003, he estimated the cost at \$1.30.

"It was at the insistence of the businesses that the meters were installed," Cameron said. "It cost the municipality \$30,000 to put the meters in."

Cameron explained that in the past, commercial water and sewer rates were based on a formula which estimated the water use equivalent to the number of residences which would use the same amount. For example, the two biggest water users in Minden, Archie Stouffer Elementary School and the Minden Hospital/Hyland Crest facilities, were assessed at the equivalent of 34 and 36 residences, respectively.

With the installation of the meters, he said, the municipality knows how much each business used in 2002.

He said the meter readings for one business, Jaspers Restaurant, indicated that its rate would be five times what it had been paying under the old formula. The hospital's metered rate would be four times the old cost.

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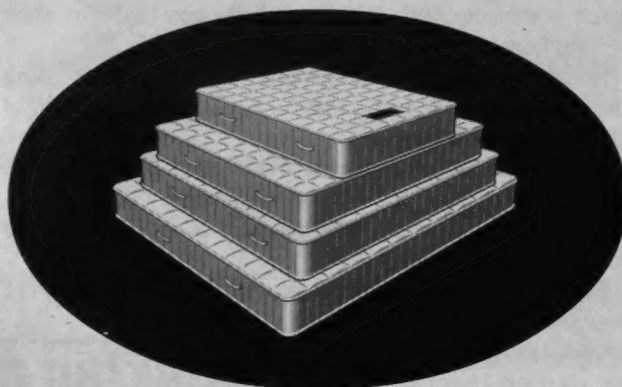
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Upset holding tank owner presses for lagoon

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

The following are brief reports from the January 16 meeting of Algonquin Highlands council.

Council received a letter from an irate property owner on Kushog Lake who asked why the municipality didn't have its own winter septage lagoon. Because new rules have resulted in local companies having no place to store the septage in the winter, he must pay an outside company \$250 to provide the service.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison welcomed his letter because it helps prove the need for a winter storage site. "We need several more of these people [speaking up]," she said. "I wish we could encourage the people who need this service to support us."

It was noted that Kushog Lake property owners were among the strongest opponents to a proposed septage lagoon at the Pine Springs landfill site.

Praise for Hodgson

Throughout the meeting, items on the agenda gave rise for an opportunity to praise MPP Chris Hodgson and mourn the fact that he's retiring from politics.

"Every time I hear Chris's name I could shed tears," Harrison said of her regret that he'd no longer be the riding's voice at Queen's Park.

When council was discussing the airport, which council wants to expand, she said "When we lost Chris I don't know how it will affect our airport. He was certainly very supportive of our airport..."

"We're not the only people who will miss him - everyone in Haliburton County

and the City of Kawartha Lakes will."

Healthy Futures

CAO Gerald Bain updated council on the Healthy Futures program which helps farmers pay for projects to safeguard the environment.

Bill Olan has been hired to co-ordinate the Healthy Futures program for the three participating municipalities: Algonquin Highlands, Minden Hills and Dysart et al.

Olan has experience with the program in Kawartha Lakes. He won the co-ordinator's title with a bid of \$23.60 per hour to a maximum cost of \$20,845 for the entire project.

Eleanor Harrison was appointed to represent Algonquin Highlands on the committee which will oversee the applications for funding. Bill Obee is representing Minden Hills, Murray Fearrey is representing Dysart et al and the Haliburton County Farmers' Association is providing two representatives, Ross Warburton and Casey Cox.

Road names

The following road name changes were approved as part of the process to introduce 9-1-1 to the county.

Highlands Road will be called Braeloch Road. The unnamed road near the former municipal offices at the Beech River will be called Settlers Road. The proposed name of Bain Road for the unnamed road off Hwy. 118 leading to the Russell Bain and Whitney properties was rejected because it's too similar to Wayne Road and Paynes Road. Council will ask its 9-1-1 committee to come up with a replacement suggestion.

By-law assistant

Given the increased work demands and the large area which the Chief Building Official/By-law Enforcement Officer has to cope with, council has decided to hire an assistant for James Moore. The job will soon be advertised.

Recreation assistant

There may be more recreation opportunities available in Stanhope now that council has agreed to hire an assistant recreation co-ordinator.

The position will be three days a week from April 15 to May 30 and then five days a week until Labour Day. At 688 hours and \$10 an hour, the cost to the municipality will be \$6,880.

Council hired an assistant last June but that person had to quit because of time constraints.

The recreation co-ordinator, Melissa Alfano, already has a busy workload in Dorset. The assistant will be responsible for existing programs in Stanhope and, it's hoped, will be able to start new programs there as well.

Swimming lessons

Last summer, it cost \$60 for swimming lessons for one child, with a reduced rate of \$35 for a sibling up to a maximum of \$120. That works out to \$4 per hour of lessons.

Other municipalities charge between \$5 to \$7 and do not offer a sibling discount.

Council endorsed a recreation committee proposal to increase the fees. Swimming lessons in 2003 will cost \$67.50 per child, with a 20 per cent discount for other children in the same family. This works out to \$4.50 an hour.

Landfill wages

Council has agreed to a 4.3 per cent increase in the hourly costs of providing attendants at its landfills.

The company that hires the attendants, Securitas (formerly Burns Pinkerton), has asked for a 52-cent hourly increase to cover increases in wages and costs.

Last year, Algonquin Highlands paid the company \$73,614 to run its five landfills. That covered 6,604 hours of service.

With the new hourly increase, the costs in 2003 will be \$76,767.

Bain raised the issue of whether the contract should be re-tendered. In 2001, when the job was first tendered, the next lowest bid was \$74,283.

"I don't think that the increase is sufficient reason to warrant a new tender for the time-being," Harrison said. "If there were a lot of problems and we weren't satisfied, I might have a different response."

Scrap metal

Very pleased with the services provided by Harding Metals, the municipality hopes the local company will include more landfill sites in the metal recycling program.

Harding Metals provides the bins and removes the metals from the Maple Lake landfill at no cost to the municipality. The company's new owners asked for, and received, another two-year contract to provide the same service. Council enthusiastically agreed to the request and will also try to meet with the new owners to see if the service can be expanded to Dorset.

Whetstone says the new owners have an "awesome" response rate when called.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Water woes

It appears the old system of setting the water and sewer rates for businesses connected to the Minden municipal system was not particularly fair. Some were paying more than they should and some were not paying their share, according to the amount of water they use.

It was at the prompting of several Minden businesses that the municipality decided to spring for the \$30,000 cost of meters and installation in all of Minden's businesses which are connected to the water and sewer services. The municipality supplied the meters and required all businesses to have the meters installed, by the plumber of their choice, and paid \$100 toward the cost of installation. That figure should have covered all of the cost of installation except in cases where the installation was particularly difficult.

Most businesses had their meters installed by the start of 2002, although a few weren't completed until several weeks into the year.

The municipality monitored the water use, with periodic meter readings throughout the year. The volume of water used may be a surprise to some. Preliminary calculations indicate that of more than 100 businesses and public buildings connected to the system, 17 use considerably more water than they thought, according to meter readings. They were notified earlier this year that they can expect their water and sewer rates to at least double.

Those business owners, understandably, are very concerned that their costs could take a dramatic increase.

The businesses owners who did not receive the notice can take comfort in the fact that their costs were less than double the old rate. Some will even see a reduction in cost.

The message business owners are getting is: don't panic. The rates will be set when the municipal budget is set.

The municipality insists that the water and sewer services must be user pay – which is reasonable. With the meters installed, and presumably operating properly, it should be easy to calculate the cost to each business user by multiplying the number of cubic metres used by the cost to provide a cubic metre.

That is only part of the equation, though.

Sewer rates are tied to water use. It is assumed that for every cubic metre of water used, a certain volume of sewage is produced. For some businesses, that may well be an equitable formula. For others, the amount of water used has little correlation to the amount of sewage produced. A couple of such businesses that come immediately to mind are the car dealers, which consume large quantities of water to wash vehicles or garden centres, which need a large volumes of water during the spring and summer months to water plants. The car wash and laundromat also fit into that category. Water for such uses doesn't go to the sewage treatment plant for processing.

Presumably, some consideration has been given to balance these types of use to ensure that nobody pays considerably more than his share. It could be said that the old system of setting the rates left some subsidizing others.

It will be interesting to see how Minden Hills council deals with the situation during its budget deliberations. Will some businesses end up paying considerably more than they have in the past?

This could be a trial run for when residential water meters are installed – and eventually they will.

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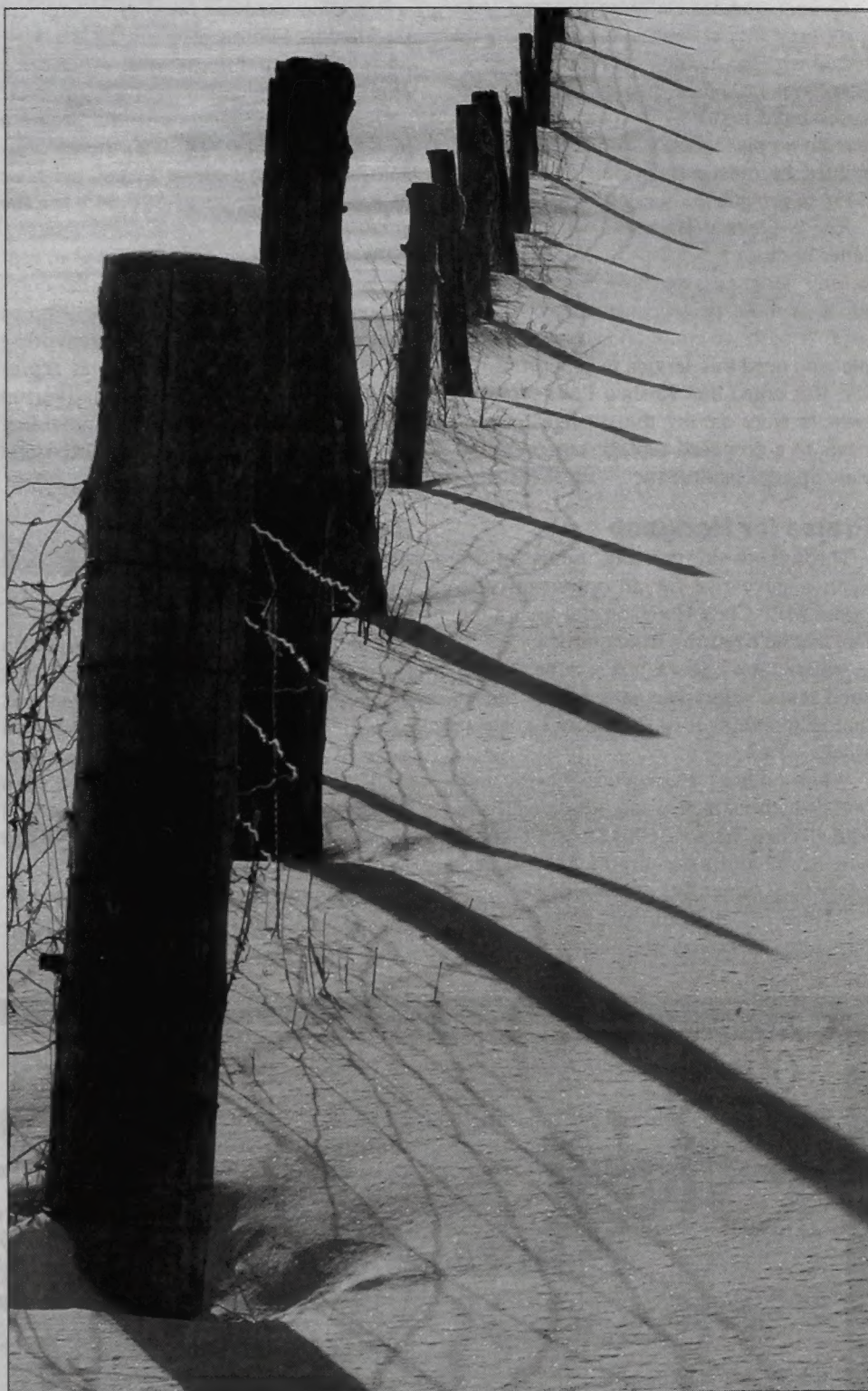
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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Ontario record bear story not appreciated by some readers

To the Editor:

I read the front page of your second section of the January 13th issue entitled "Fred Simmons bears with us" with interest and I confess, shock. The article describes Fred as a 58-year-old Minden resident who just discovered that he shot a black bear in 2000 that sets a new Ontario record, "a once in lifetime achievement" that "ranks right up there with a gold medal"...etc. It was written by Steve Galea, a field editor for Ontario Out of Doors (not to be confused with a publication of an environmental group).

The record keeper who informed Mr. Simmons of his gold medal achievement

was described as FROW, which I learned stands for the Foundation of the Recognition of Ontario's Wildlife. Fascinated by the apparent paradox in the name, I visited their website where FROW is described as an "organization of volunteer sportsmen dedicated to public education about Ontario's rich wildlife resources with special emphasis on big game animals." I went on to read on our Ministry of Natural Resources website that black bears are "generally timid and avoid encounters with people" and that they claim we have 75,000-100,000 bears in Ontario, which if true, means we have 20% of the estimated

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Free birds

I'll admit, volleyball notwithstanding, that the whole concept of recreational nudism has never really appealed to me

If you ever needed proof that this world has gotten weirder, look no further than Florida, where an economy airline is now offering clothing optional flights from Miami to Cancun, Mexico. I guess you could say this is the ultimate in no frills air travel.

According to promotional material, once that happy little aircraft has reached cruising altitude, the flight attendants will turn up the heat and invite the passengers to disrobe. Now there's a switch.

What will follow, I imagine, is something that will make the Wright brothers wish they had never got the Kitty Hawk off the beach. One hundred or so sweaty and overweight people will strip down to their disheveled birthday suits and kick-back to enjoy the turbulence. Bermuda shorts and Hawaiian shirts will litter the aisles. Yikes.

Look, I'm as open-minded as the next person but I've still got to wonder what the attraction is here. I can't believe that making small talk with the naked person in the seat beside you is anyone's idea of a good time. If she's good looking do you

imagine her with her clothes on?

I'll admit, volleyball notwithstanding, that the whole concept of recreational nudism has never really appealed to me. Hey, we all know that for every person who any of us would like to see in the buff, there are about two to three dozen who we'd rather not. This is Darwin's little known theory of selective nudism and it has served the human race admirably thus far. Without it there would be no fashion industry, belly flops or vinyl seating.

When you think about it this way, anyone who boards that aircraft is taking quite a risk. You could be surrounded by the Swedish bikini team or

a bevy of flatulent Sumo wrestlers. And in confined quarters. In a worst case scenario, you might run into one of your older relatives with her new digital camera. Remember, a newspaper will cover only so much.

The problem here is that once on the airliner, there's really no place to run. Which is fine, because, as we all know, there's nothing sillier than a naked person running. Unless, of course, it's one naked person trying to squeeze by another to get to the window seat. I can't even imagine the etiquette in that maneuver.

Do you face towards the seated person or away from him? It's not pretty any way you look at it. One sudden bump and



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Steve Galea

you could have your nose in someone else's business.

Of course, for everyone's sake, I'm hoping that alcohol is not being served on this flight. I mean if someone gets too drunk there's the possibility that they get all wild and put their clothes back on. I don't think the other passengers need to be subjected to that. Worse still, what if someone asks a flight attendant to fix them a couple of highballs? Taken the wrong way this could lead to serious liability issues.

On the plus side, I suppose this is an airport security officer's dream. With all those naked people it'd be easy to zero in on a potential problem – he's the one still wearing clothes. Nobody else could be smuggling that much. You hope.

And, of course, if the plane's navigational systems go down, at least the pilot could find his way by the full moons. Not that this would be much consolation.

In the end, I guess it's all about what the traveling public wants. As for myself, I'd never get on a flight that had that many cracks in the fuselage.

Bored to death? Not on this planet

Man is the only animal that can be bored.

Erich Fromm

Yeah – and for the life of me, I can't figure out how we manage it. Lord knows it's not for lack of weird goings-on. Canada is the hands-down world capital of weird. Consider: We live in a country that is supposedly half-French and half-English governed by a Prime Minister who is unintelligible in both official languages. We've got Don Cherry and Sheila Copps. We've got Celine Dion, who's anorexic. And Rita McNeil. Who's not. We've got the Ottawa Senators hockey team collecting poge. And the Ottawa Senate. Also collecting poge.

Nope – if you're a Canadian and you're bored, get someone to check your pulse. Chances are you're dead.

Still, if the Great White North is too tame for you, all you have to do is pick up a paper. It's a crazy world we live in and you can read all about it between the front page headlines and the classifieds. Here are four stories culled from the papers just this week:

New Zealand: Let's all drink – make

that eat – a toast to...: The supermarket owner in Auckland who created a Kiwi tribute to The King. He's sculpted a massive portrait of Elvis – using 4,000 slices of toast.

Maurice Bennett achieved um, texture, by carefully grilling the toast slices to six different shades ranging from Elvis's sideburns (burnt) to his skin tone (slightly warmed).

Portugal: The 'wanna buy a bridge award goes to...: Four women in the town of San Bartholomeu de Messines in Portugal. A 'doctor on the telephone' successfully talked the quartet into standing topless at their windows so that he could perform a free mammogram by satellite. Geez.

Whatever happened to Dirty Old Men in raincoats?

Montana: And the blue plate special goes to...: Stan Jones, Montana's Libertarian candidate to the U.S. Senate who sent a letter to his constituents explaining that yes, his skin had turned blue – probably

permanently – because he has been drinking a home-made silver solution favoured by some extreme Right Wingers as a protection against illness. (The Men In Black thing, you know).

Ah, but you don't have to go to Auckland, Portugal or Montana to experience the weird and the wacky. We've got a bumper crop right here at home. And you don't have to live in Toronto or Halifax or Vancouver to experience Canadian weirdness. Russell Jervis is about as un-metropolitan as Canucks get. He has been farming a spread outside the town of McBride in the B.C. interior, for the past half century.



ARTHURBLACK

Columnist

Russell lives a quiet, largely uneventful, rural life. He was somewhat surprised therefore, to walk out his door one morning last fall

and find about 15 acres of his farm looking like it had been shrink-wrapped overnight. His fields and fences were completely enshrouded with a "dull, sliv-

ery metallic-coloured" substance. Brian Thair, a biologist at the College of New Caledonia in Prince George, drove out to observe the phenomenon. "There was so much of the stuff on the tops of those fences that you couldn't see the posts" he said. "It's like a white, plastic grocery bag. That's what it feels like – a plastic grocery bag."

So what was it – UFO's? A military exercise? A production set for an episode of The X Files?

Nope. Spiders.

Halorates ksensus spiders to be specific. Tiny critters about the size of a match head – but Russell Jervis had several billion of them, in his fields, all hard at work spinning silk as fast as they could. "The web swept up over the fence like a breaking wave of surf on the beach" recalled Dr. Thayer. "Then it came down the other side towards the highway."

Needless to say, Russell Jervis had never seen anything like it. Neither had Dr. Thayer. He speculates that 'something' short-circuited the routine death rate of the spiders, causing a population boom.

We've all heard the expression 'spinning out of control' but this is ridiculous.

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North American population. There was no reference to the methodology used to count the bears so I can't comment, other than the several statements on other websites that black bears are notoriously difficult to count. I therefore can remain skeptical of this tally until I can see the evidence.

What really struck me about the article is that Mr. Simmons and I are the same age and I suspect both enjoy Haliburton. I tramped the forest trails as a boy following my hunter father in search of partridge. I enjoyed the walking, the cool and colourful fall mornings, the comradarie with my dad but I never took up hunting. I was trained in marksmanship by my father and in the military but haven't pulled a trigger

Killing animals for sport intolerable

for years. A small arsenal of inherited rifles and shotguns has been registered and put away in an attic carefully separating firing mechanisms. I therefore have all the credentials to be a prototypic Ontario "outdoorsman."

There is one problem: I don't understand killing what I like to see running free in our province. Our wildlife was here before we were. I don't understand what right we as humans have to kill for so called sport. Mr. Simmons and I therefore appear to each represent one of the two very polarized citizen groups who regular-

ly clash on the issues of firearms and hunting wildlife.

The clear majority of Ontario citizens oppose private ownership and use of guns

and of hunting, especially big game. The minority who support these activities seem to live in the very

rural areas where the majority go to see the animals. They themselves take pride in the great outdoors and the unspoiled beauty of it. I suspect that the businesses of hunting and gun use are minute in the large scale of our economy and the majority wouldn't even know that they had ended. The real

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Times readers write

irony to me is that reference is made of the Americans who come to hunt. Why do you suppose they have to come to Canada to hunt now?

I hadn't really spent much time thinking about this issue until I read your article. The depth of my response surprised me. It is not at all clear to me how we are to resolve the dispute between our citizens but it seems wrong to me that we tolerate killing our wild animals for sport in a world of shrinking natural resources, increasing pollution, and an ever increasing desire of the majority to enjoy our beautiful peaceful wild places and their animals.

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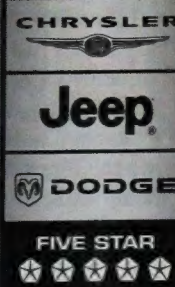
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Reader appalled by dead bear photo

To the Editor:

Re: F.S. bears with us

I was sick with sadness for the bear displayed on the front page of the Second Section of *The Minden Times*. This was a magnificent animal. Quote: "I don't think I'll see another one like it again." Did it deserve such an end? Is it right to deny others the awe and wonder of perhaps seeing this spectacular trophy bear in the wild? Remember, what we do to others and all living things, we do to ourselves.

Think about that.

Surely there are other accomplishments to report on in our community which do not glorify the untimely death of some poor animal. There must be other people out there that have the same feelings I have about this article. I hope you hear from them as well.

Frankly, I do not wish to renew our subscription.

Patricia LaCombe
Kinmount

Generous store cashier reflects community spirit

To the Editor:

Last week, an educational assistant and a few students went grocery shopping at the IGA in Minden to purchase some ingredients for the Kids Can Café. When they got to the cash register, they realized that they were short six dollars. Without batting an eyelash, the cashier paid the difference and said not to worry about paying it back.

Wanting to repay this generous lady, I

returned to the grocery store after work to reimburse her and to thank her for her kindness.

She profoundly stated, "Isn't that what it's all about, being kind to each other?"

I smiled, paused for a moment, and thought how true that is and how fortunate I am to live in a family-oriented community.

Nancy Kampstra
Minden

Resignations should lead MH councillors to review their policies

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the article in *The Minden Times* dated January 20th reporting the resignation of two more municipal employees. Reeve Ross Rigney feels that there's no shortage of people willing to work at the township and yet so many leave. His thinking here leaves me confused. He also states "We've lost two or three people, maybe it's about money - I don't know." "No one really has the answers."

I would like to address his first comment. I believe the count exceeds 10 employees since this council began its term in January 2001. Second, he is the reeve - why doesn't he have the answers. Perhaps a course on human resources may be money well spent for the council of the day.

The loss of a third planner in less than two years does not seem to worry Mr. Rigney as a planning consultant can fill in the blanks. Is the use of a planning consultant as cost effective as a salaried planner? He seems to be proud of the fact that you can download the work onto already busy management heads at no cost to the township for the added responsibilities. He may not be paying them extra on their

salaries, but what is the actual cost in overtime for this added workload? (Taxpayers may be interested in reading the council minutes on the internet site www.minden.on.ca - December 2002 where council is paying overtime hours for 2001 of more than \$5,000 to one employee)

The CAO has stated in this newspaper article that "if employees have an opportunity to better themselves, then they should do it. That's the way council is looking at the recent resignations." Why can't things be good enough in Minden, why do all of these people have to leave for things to be better? As a taxpayer in Minden Hills, I do not begrudge an employee a comparable wage with other areas and good working conditions. I am sure the councillors expected that when they were employed.

In conclusion, I hope that the council's attitude towards the employees soon changes. To read in the local newspaper that you are not valued enough for them to care if you leave is not conducive to a productive, positive atmosphere and will only lead to more job vacancies.

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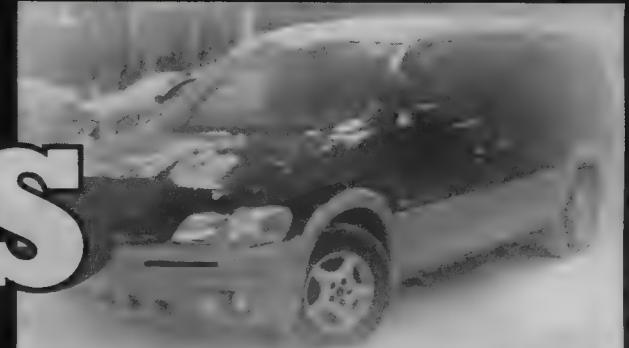
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Indoor winter

Pre-schoolers and toddlers make snow castles inside CHACE daycare in Minden where it was warm last Friday. Extremely cold weather forced the CHACE children to stay inside for the week doing arts and crafts or using the climbers.

School board decides how to spend extra funding

A special public meeting of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board was held Tuesday night, giving trustees an opportunity to discuss expenditures that would result from an infusion of money by the province.

While much of the estimated \$8.4 million is designated by the province to be spent in particular areas, including special education and specific transportation requirements, trustees are pleased to announce that several initiatives within the board will become a reality as a result of the new funding.

Areas such as facility improvements for school break-

fast programs, increased funding for school facilities, and school/community educational partnerships were unanimously approved as priorities and will see a boost from the new funds.

Trustees also approved additional spending to comply with the Criminal Reference Check Legislation, and to support the conversion and storage of Ontario Student Record information in an electronic format. Previous commitments to administrative efficiency will be upheld with the purchase of integrated software for finance, payroll and human resources and perhaps most importantly,

a commitment to providing more learning materials for students was made as well.

Director of Education, David Hill said that there were some restrictions which were designated by the Ministry of Education as provincial priorities.

"The province has identified expenditures in special education, transportation and salary benchmarks. These areas, however, have also been local priorities with TLDSB, making it easy to comply with the mandate. The overall outcome of this infusion will be most positive for our board."

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Emergency calls are on the rise in Stanhope

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

Although the Stanhope fire department has responded to a record number of emergency calls since the beginning of its new fiscal year, "the good news is that for the first time in six years we didn't have to respond to a structural fire over the Christmas holidays," Fire Chief John Hogg told Algonquin Highlands council on January 16.

Between November 1, 2002 and January 16, 2003 the fire department was called out 20 times. Last year in the same time frame, the department responded to 17 calls and there were 14 calls the year before that.

In December 2002 there were nine calls: six for motor vehicle accidents, including helping the teenager who was hit while crossing Hwy. 118 a few weeks ago; two medical calls; and one false alarm at the Frost Centre.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison asked Hogg what the volunteers felt about responding to so many accidents. He said that while it is sometimes frustrating to have to spend so much time doing traffic control after an accident, the volunteers all recognize that the police do not have the resources to do the job. When a call to an accident is particularly long, the department tries to compensate by sending back those volunteers who have to work or calling in replacements.

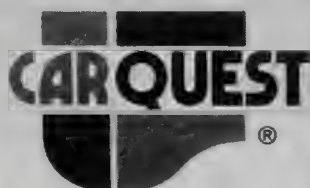
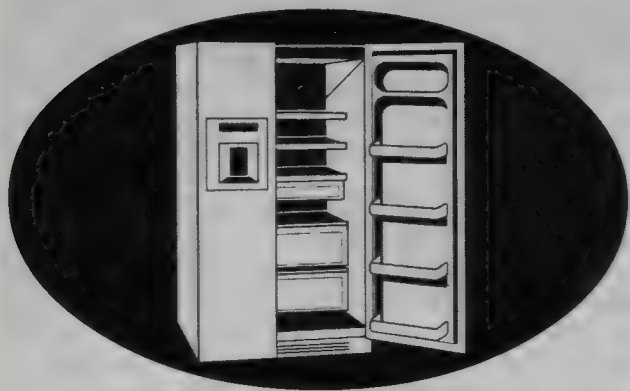
Harrison said that given the new tiered response system, in which volunteer firefighters respond first to an accident if they can get there before the paramedics, training may become an issue at county council.

"If volunteers don't have training in traffic control, God forbid a firefighter was killed," Harrison said. As well as being very concerned about the safety of volunteers, "the municipality could get in trouble that a volunteer was killed doing something that he wasn't trained for."

Hogg reassured council that the volunteers follow all proper safety procedures to insure that they are not injured during a call. "We are quite cautious," he said.

Meanwhile, Harrison stressed that there is some "urgency" in coming up with the specs for a new fire truck so the tender can go out as soon as possible. She reminded Hogg that while this council is very supportive of the purchase, this is an election year and if there are too many more delays, the fire department may have to convince a new council to make the expenditure.

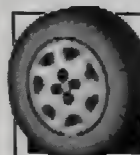
"Believe me, it's a priority," Hogg said. His committee has almost completed its list of requirements for the tender.



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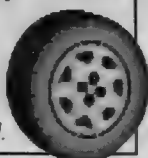
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Norwalk virus costs healthcare system \$3,000

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

The following is a brief account of the January 23 meeting of the board of directors of Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

The Norwalk virus, or what is suspected to be Norwalk, cost Haliburton Highlands Health Services an extra \$3,000 in staff time, sick leave, and supplies such as extra gloves, masks and gowns.

Robin Anthony, HHHS infection control practitioner, made a presentation during last week's HHHS board meeting about how the staff efficiently handled the outbreak and prevented any cross contamination from Highland Wood to the acute care areas of the hospital or over to Hyland Crest.

Anthony explained they did submit to the Public Health Unit stool samples for testing shortly after the outbreak began on December 11 but have yet to receive any results so cannot say for certain whether the outbreak was caused by the Norwalk virus.

Health promotion

Anthony also reported to the board that the Health For Life program, in its effort to offer diabetes education and support around Type 2 diabetes, has been more successful than they ever imagined it would be. However, there is only one year left of funding for that program.

The Health For Life program also contains the former Heart Connection program which has received an additional five years of funding.

Anthony says she has been collecting data and numbers on the various initiatives and projects and hopes that information will be useful in garnering future financial support.

Under-serviced area

Dr. Bob Heyes stressed to the board the importance of moving forward quickly with an application to have the Ministry of Health classify all of Haliburton County as an under-serviced area because once it is HHHS can apply for special funding to get extra doctors here.

He knows of one interested young doctor, graduating this year, who has expressed an interest in working in the county. If they get the classification, this doctor would be eligible for a \$45,000 ministry rebate in exchange for working in an under-serviced rural area.

Heyes says if they do not get the application through they will miss out on being able to entice new graduates with this rebate to the area.

Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney, who is county councils representative on the board, asked why it really made a difference since Minden was already classified. Why could this new graduate not come to Minden?

Heyes says this doctor has already worked in Haliburton and has an interest there.

BOARD BRIEFS

Haliburton Highlands
Health Services

Geriatric psychiatry

A geriatric psychiatrist has expressed an interest in working in Haliburton County and the board is keen to have Keith Sansford, HHHS chief executive officer, investigate all options to have him here since there is currently a three-month wait for anyone from the county trying to access Psychiatric Assessment and Services for the Elderly (PACE) in Peterborough.

The doctor is interested in living in the area and work here for a fee for service with all expenses paid.

Sansford says he will explore the issues of having PASE services here or establishing a regional geriatric program.

Board members suggested the psychiatrist, who currently visits the Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services, could require the assistance of the new person.

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This workshop series is made possible through the generous support of Haliburton-Kawartha-Pine Ridge District Health Unit – Health for Life and the Outdoor Education centres of Haliburton County. Spaces for all workshops are limited, so be sure to register in advance. Member discounts are available.

For more information or to register, contact Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network Phone: 705-286-1760; Toll Free: 1-800-461-7677; www.trailsandtours.com; info@trailsandtours.on.ca. The workshops are as follows:

Cross-Country Skiing – Whether you are new to skiing or just want to refresh your technique, you'll benefit from this introduction to classic-style skiing. Learn the basics that will give you the confidence to enjoy the trails on your own. Saturday, February 1 at the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre.

Snowshoeing – Discover an ancient craft that is fun and oh so easy to learn – no complicated equipment, no fancy footwork. If you enjoy hiking, you'll love snowshoeing. Saturday, February 15 at Camp Kandalore.

Kicksledding – The Scandinavian kick-sled has been used for hundreds of years. Rediscover a sport that is one part functional transportation and three parts wicked fun. You won't be disappointed. Saturday, February 22 at YMCA – Camp Wanakita.

Winter Camping and Travel Safety Skills – Learn to stay warm, dry and safe whether day-tripping or overnight camping in the winter months. Hone your skills with a trek through the forest in search of

that perfect campsite to try your hand at building various types of winter shelters, collecting firewood and cooking on an open campfire. Saturday, March 1 at Kinark Outdoor Centre

Planning for Trails

The Trails and Tours Network is taking steps to protect trails in Haliburton County now and for the future. The four municipalities are currently updating or developing official plans or bylaws that will direct land use within their respective jurisdictions. Official Plans establish policies for land use; bylaws are the legal means by which these policies are implemented.

One way to realize the full potential of trails is to make sure that trails are identified as a key land use and that appropriate policies, guidelines and designations are in place to protect current and potential trail resources on public lands and to insure that development on private land has some regard for trail development.

We have retained a consultant to determine how trails are protected in other jurisdictions and to draft and submit recommendations to planners for consideration and inclusion in the official plans being prepared. We hope the official plans will contain appropriate trail specific policies and bylaws, and that each official plan will be consistent in its approach to trail protection and management.

We also hope the citizens and politicians of Haliburton County will consider and support the inclusion of trail friendly measures in the official plan. For a copy of what we are submitting to the official plans please contact the office of Trails and Tours Network.

Heave Ho!

Over the next three years there will be considerable work done on trails in Haliburton County in addition to what is being done already by local citizens and contractors. This work means more employment and volunteer opportunities

TRAILS & TOURS

Barrie Martin



The first winter workshop was on dog sledding at Haliburton Forest. Skiing is this Saturday at the Frost Centre, with kicksledding, snowshoeing and camping to come.

for those skilled in designing trails and site planning, construction of trailheads, trail clearing and building, and trail maintenance. We plan to offer courses that will help build those competencies in others who are interested in getting involved. For starters, consider two courses that are cur-

rently being offered by Sir Sandford Fleming College – Global Positioning System (GPS) Workshop on Saturday, April 12 and the Chainsaw Operator Course Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 9, 10, 11. For more information, visit the events page at www.trailsandtours.com

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Minden Hills waives rental fee to help county fair board

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

The Haliburton County Fair will have an extra \$401.25 to spend this year because of the township of Minden Hills.

The township has decided to waive a fee of \$375 (\$401.25 with GST) to save the Haliburton County Fair some money. The fee, was for rental of the municipality's arena for the public bingo at last year's fair.

Parks and Recreation Manager Ray Miscio was asked by council at the December 12 meeting to outline the approximate costs of assistance provided to the Haliburton County Fair.

With 110 hours of donated labour by students and staff, the use of a grader, loader and water truck, and other items, the township's contribution was valued at \$3,429. The additional money would make the donation closer to \$4,000.

Councillor Bill Obee asked why the township donated so much towards the fair when other townships and even the county fail to help.

The county provided a one-time cash infusion of \$1,000 but hasn't provided any additional financial backing. The fair also doesn't have a major corporate sponsor to help offset some of the costs.

"On a per capita basis, Minden does more than other political arms," one councillor said.

The fair has been having some financial difficulty lately. With decreasing attendance, board members have been struggling to make enough money. Last year attendance at the fair, held at the Minden fairgrounds, was down 600 people. Last year around 2,400 people passed through the gates in two days. Because the money isn't being generated, the fair board can-

not draw crowds, luring them with expensive entertainment or midway.

The township recently had a presentation from members of the fair board after Councillor Ingram Wessell raised the issue at the council table. Wessell said that with some fresh ideas and some more volunteers, the fair could be as good, or better than, the annual agricultural fair in Kinmount.

In the past, the township would waive the rental fee without question, but recently, the township passed a policy to govern when rental fees should be waived for non-profit community groups.

When Councillor Peter Oyler asked Miscio if this fee fell within the policy, Miscio said it didn't.

Councillors felt the Haliburton County Fair was an exception to the policy.

Councillor Jim McMahon recommended that council waive the rental fee.

"We've been trying to get this fair back on track," Reeve Ross Rigney said.

Councillor Bill Valentine said the township has given the fair a lot of help, "but they deserve it."

The issue of changing the name of the fair to reflect the support given by the township was raised by several councillors. However, council decided that changing the name of the fair would likely interfere with funding; the fair board gets a \$3,200 grant from the provincial government and that the board likely wouldn't risk losing that funding.

Reeve Ross Rigney has suggested in the past the possibility of the township loaning the fair board money, or putting money up front to provide the board with some breathing space until the fair is back up on its feet again. No decisions have been made by council.

Lake of Bays asked to help with Dorset programs' cost

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

The following are brief reports of items pertaining to the Dorset area discussed at the January 16 Algonquin Highlands council meeting.

Council took a "step in the right direction" when it recently met with some Lake of Bays officials to ask for financial support for community programs and facilities in Dorset, Reeve Eleanor Harrison said.

"We're making some progress," Harrison said. "I still have some reservations but the meeting was good."

Half of Dorset is in Algonquin Highlands and half is in Lake of Bays, which has not provided any funds for some of the services which benefit residents on its side of the village.

Algonquin Highlands discussed splitting the cost of running the museum, community policing and the outdoor skating rink with some Lake of Bays officials. In addition there was general agreement that if Algonquin Highlands would cover the cost of the Raven Lake landing, Lake of Bays will continue to maintain the Paint Lake cemetery.

These proposals must now be discussed by the full Lake of Bays council.

Dorset school

An appraiser will be hired to come up with a value for the old Dorset school. The municipality will pick up the entire cost with the hope that if the committee looking into possible new uses for the empty building is successful in getting funding from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, the committee will contribute to the cost.

However, council was not optimistic that the committee will be able to provide much financial assistance. The grant application is for a maximum of \$2,500, but the committee may not receive all of it. As well, the grant will primarily be used to pay for a strategic plan, not leaving much left for the appraisal.

Council agreed to many of the committee's requests, including help for administrative costs and a desire to put a survey in the next tax bill.

Harrison praised the group for its enthusiasm.

Wolf Lake

In the spring, the municipality will inspect two culverts on a road leading into Wolf Lake to ensure they were installed according to an engineer's report.

Some property owners on the lake say that when the municipality replaced an old culvert on the road to prevent flooding in 1997, it didn't put the two new culverts in deep enough. As a result, they say, the lake can be at least a foot higher than normal.

Council was presented with a video comparing the lake levels in 1990 and flooded crib docks in August 2000. Docks which were above water in 1990 were under up to 25 cm of water in 2000.

Is the municipality to blame or Mother Nature? Are water levels high because of improperly placed culverts or because there are wet years in which flooding is to be expected? Should property owners be building floating docks instead of crib docks?

Deputy-reeve Don Shortreed remembers when some lake owners used to plug the old culverts as a way of keeping the lake level high. He said the former municipality of Sherborne et al did what it could to address property owners' concerns.

Last year, municipal representatives inspected the culverts which were dry. However, given the renewed complaints about flooded docks, council agreed to make sure the culverts were properly installed.

Langford property

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... see page 18

Cards stacked against Midgets in playoff opener

by BILL HUTSON
Special to The Times

The Storm Midgets got a surprise from the OMHA when they got bumped up to a "C" level for the playoff rounds, facing stiffer competition. As it turned out they also got a long drive out of it, too.

January 18 was the first game in Schomberg against the Wings. The first five minutes were quiet as both teams sized one another up. But once they got rolling the period grew hard hitting, chippy and penalty filled.

Seven penalties kept the Storm playing short-handed much of the first period. However, after a period the score was tied at 1-all on a nice goal from Joel Cooper.

The second period calmed down and some better hockey was played. Lots of back and forth action and lots of missed chances by the Storm stopped them from really putting the game out of reach. But over skating the puck, fanned shots and maybe playing a little too fancy kept the Storm to only two goals in the second period. But it still ended with the Storm up by one at the end of two frames. One goal was a nice wrister in the top shelf from Cooper and the other was a sneaky little shot through the five hole from Kevin Walker, after some hard work to dig out the puck.

The third period play was definitely favouring the Storm with lots of scoring chances, but the killer was the penalty box. Six penalties left the Storm a man short most of the frame and the team was getting tired. Coaches and fans tried to calm the team down and let the boys know they can't win in the penalty box.

Some great penalty killing and some luck keep the Storm a goal ahead until an intentional or unintentional slow finger on the time clock with 19 seconds left in the game stopped the play. The referees added four seconds to the game. Play was scrappy and excited but the Storm could not gain control. Jeremy Moynes made a couple of great saves to keep the Storm alive but with less than a second left, the Wings put one in to tie the game.

Disappointment is a big word but cannot describe the feeling of the moment. A short rest saw the Storm try to regroup, as overtime was about to start. With a short bench and one player out of the game, this is not where the Storm wanted to be.

The Storm came out strong but the puck just wasn't bouncing the Storm's way. It may have been a matter of time but a penalty call in overtime on the visiting Storm sure made it a lot easier for the Wings to win the game. Shortly, the Wings scored to win 4-3.

Two assists for Kolt Smith and one each for Jeremy Miscio and Matt Roberts rounded the score sheet. Game stars were Joel Copper, Matt Roberts, Jesse Johnson and Kevin Walker.



Praying for a win

A parent of a Novice player prays for the win, but can't bare to watch the final minutes of the third period. The tight-checking affair was more tense for the spectators than the players.



A wild chase

A Highland Storm Novice trips up in his attempt to get around his check. The Highland Storm Novice As were the hosts for a tournament on Saturday, Jan. 18. In the 'A' final the Storm hung on for the win, 3-2, against Barry's Bay.

Hockey night in the Highlands

Photos by Darren Lum



You lose some, you win some

The Highland Storm Pee wee AE goalie was quick to pounce on any loose puck in his crease, but the visiting Campbellford Colts scored one more than the Storm to win 3-2. Despite a two-minute power play, the Storm were unable to score in the third period for the equalizer. The Colts are leading the best-of-five playoff series 2-1 (as of print time on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 25).



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* - if required. Note if game tied after 10 minute overtime, series goes to a point series. If series tied after 5 games a sixth game will decide winner.

Figure skating to dominate Minden winter sports Feb. 1

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

The ice surface at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena will get a good workout this weekend, as figure skaters from all over Ontario come to Minden to sharpen not only their ice skates but also their skills.

The 16 Annual Minden "Meet to Skate" Invitational is an opportunity for young figure skaters to partake in friendly competition, but it is also a major fundraising event for the the Minden Skating Club.

Since ice skating can be a rather expensive sport to participate in, the competition is a way to keep costs for the local skaters as low as possible.

Where private lessons are concerned, ice fees, coaching expenses and equipment can make quite a difference on a parent's pocket book.

The fund-raiser helps to offset as many fees as possible.

Julie McGann-Buchanan, whose daughter, Natasha McGann, will be competing in all five events, says the club anticipates about 100 skaters this year, from as many as 20 clubs from across the province.

"It should be a really great competition," McGann-Buchanan said.

Youngsters from as young as six-years-old, to more mature young adults at 17 years-of-age, will be on hand to compete at the days's events.

"It's fun for the kids," McGann-Buchanan said.

Last year, the event was a major success for the club and it also brought many people to the local resorts and to the area.

This year, there are already at least 200 entries, McGann-Buchanan said.

With as many as 20 figure skaters from all over the Highlands, the Minden Skating Club is crossing their fingers for an equally successful event this year.

Toni Carr, past chairperson for Skate Canada Eastern Ontario and a Skate Canada Judge, organizes the event annually.

Everyone is invited to watch some figure skating this weekend.

The competition starts at 8:30 a.m. and will continue until 9 p.m. on Saturday February 1 at the arena in Minden.



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A figure skater gives all she has at last year's 'Meet to Skate' competition in Minden.

CARNARVON BOWLING

Tuesday Afternoon League (January 21)

High average: Ken Thompson

210; Mona Benn 198

High single: John Pugh 297;

Mona Benn 216

High single (handicap): John

Pugh 322; Hazel Benetin 267

High triple: Chris Hill 705;

Lillian Mattsson 531

High triple (handicap): Chris

Hill 781; Hazel Benetin 691

Wednesday Afternoon League (January 22)

High average: Ken Thompson

219; Mona Benn 193

High single: Avar Edwards

272; Mona Benn 224

High single (handicap):

Avar Edwards 291; Marg

Schepers 256

High triple: Avar Edwards

691; Mona Benn 618

High triple (handicap):

Avar Edwards 748; Marg

Schepers 701

Thursday Afternoon League (January 23)

High average: Merv Bunker

212; Betty Henderson 213

High single: Alf Briscoe 238;

Betty Henderson 262

High single (handicap): Merv

Bunker 261; Betty Henderson

321

High triple: Merv Bunker

638; Betty Henderson 641

High triple (handicap): Merv

Bunker 758; Betty Henderson

818

MINDEN BOWLING

Legion 636 Mixed League (January 13)

High average: Bob

Vankoughnet 191; Pat Roussel

151

High single: Bob Vankoughnet

256; Estella Burch 197

High single (handicap): Bob

Vankoughnet 284; Estella Burch

271

High triple: John Ritchie 626;

Leitha Stearns 501

High triple (handicap): John

Ritchie 761; Leitha Stearns 702

Monday Night Mixed League

(January 13)

High average: Scott Moore

245; Cathy Snell 233

High single: Scott More 292;

Cathy Snell 307

High single (handicap): Rick

West 270; Teresa Clement 297

High triple: Scott Moore 751;

Cathy Snell 710

High triple (handicap): Rich

West 660; Teresa Clement 767

Legion 636 Mixed League (January 20)

High average: Bob

Vankoughnet 190; Pat Roussel

150

High single: John Ritchie 239;

Flo Roussel 173

High single (handicap): John

Ritchie 282; Flo Roussel 250

High triple: John Ritchie 607;

Doreen Francis 497

High triple (handicap): John

Ritchie 736; Flo Roussel 681

Monday night Mixed League (January 20)

High average: Scott Moore

246; Cathy Snell 233

High single: Scott Moore 253;

Carol Gilligan 230

High single (handicap): Doug

Reinwald 262; Debbie Cox 282

High triple: Scott Moore 734;

Cathy Snell 671

High triple (handicap): Gord

McAllister 659; Debbie Cox 726

Thursday Afternoon Seniors' League

(January 21)

High average: Jim Cummings

219; Mona Benn 193

High single: Fred Preston

261; Mona Benn 268

High single (handicap):

Howard Smith 309; Mona Benn

294

High triple: Eddie Dykstra

668; Mona Benn 581

High triple (handicap): Fred

Preston 743; Grace Chapman

663

'Better than excellent skiing' on Haliburton Jim Beef Trail

Bob Heyes, one of the founders of skiing in the modern era in Haliburton recently went on a trip down memory lane, also known as the Jim Beef Trail. Originally created in the late 1970's, the Jim Beef was then a centrepiece of a very rustic trail system. It runs from the museum at Glebe Park to Pinestone, and you can do a fine round trip, but you may wish limit it to a one way trip. The shortest option runs about 11km, one way.

Late January is an ideal time to experience the wilderness feel of this difficult (we mean it!) trail because the snow quality is good and the snow pack is deep.

Much the original route has been changed to accommodate various landowner requests or trail revisions, but some of the original route remains. Here is Dr. Heyes' report:

"I had occasion today to ski the Slipper Loop, Allsaw Loop and Jim Beef Trail to the Museum. What can I say that has not been already said? Better than excellent skiing - a nice mix of soft new snow on the Slipper and then I followed the grooming pass along the Jim Beef. I cannot recall better conditions than this past week or two. I used Swix polar extreme in the grip zone and Toko low fluoro blue in the glide zone and for the first time ever I had both perfect grip and perfect glide. An exhilarating ski!

The 1-2 km stretch that has yet to be bulldozed (and therefore is not groomable, though some of it was done today) brought back pleasant memories of skiing with

Peter and Margaret Brogden at Haliburton Forest in the 1970's. Back then my skis were wide wooden planks about 220cm long, with pine tar on the base and we waxed and corked with one wax along the entire ski, tip to tail. Ahhh, the good old days.

Well, the Jim Beef has it all right now, but it's classic only. Who wants to go?"

The Jim Beef Trail has one shelter toward the western end.

Here, the Joe Blair shelter has sat for many years on the Moonshine Loop near Soyer's Lake Road. Erected in 1980 by the late Joe Blair, it stands as a testament to the support that the Blair family has always extended a grateful skiing community, as much of the trail passes over their lands.

If you go, why not stop for a break at the shelter? Do take some reasonable precautions, though. Since the trail is relatively remote and has some very difficult hills, please be sure to have a map handy, and leave word of your plans before you go, just in case.

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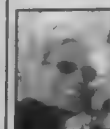
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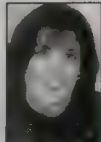
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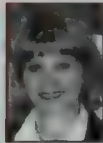
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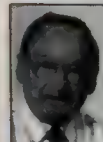
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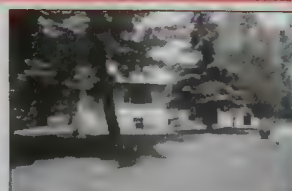
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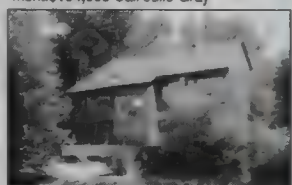


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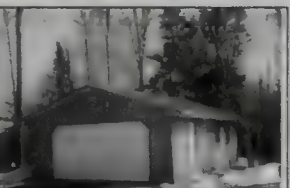
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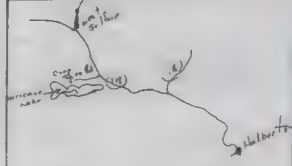
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Ice cream sundaes help to beat the chill of a cold winter

We have been holding on to this cold spell for far too long, in our opinion.

Everyone comes bundled from top to bottom trying to beat the cold. Cars aren't starting and houses are cracking in the middle of the night. Our only good thought is that their will be good ice for the fishermen, snowmobiles and of course our local cars on ice racers seen racing around each weekend at the fairgrounds. Another agreement that we have is that a good cold snap will kill all these colds and flu bugs going about, however they tell us that's an old wives tale. Well you can call these reporters a bunch of old wives because we believe it. Although it may be cold outside we're warm as toast here, so warm in fact we had cold ice cream sundaes last Thursday instead of Tea Party. Unfortunately, the Tea Party had to be cancelled so we drowned our sorrows with ice cream. We're not hard to please!

On Friday, however, everything went as scheduled, so there was no excuse for ice cream that day. In the morning we gathered for Residents' Council and the highlight was discussing and planning our Valentine' Family Dinner. We agreed on roast beef with all its trimmings for the evening meal. That evening the "Country Hot Flashes" entertained with the talents of our own Linda Robertson and her sister Doris, along with Betty Hicks, Wendy Bartlett and special guests Phil and Everett on guitars. Thank you all for a lovely evening of music.

Saturday we enjoyed our weekly game of bingo. All of us enjoy our bingo so all who can attend usually do and we have such a good time. You would think we were playing for a million-dollar jackpot.

Sunday, Pastor Millard was with us and performed Chapel. We find Pastor Dan's sermons delightful, with many good points, brought together with a touch of humour to put his point across. We take our services very seriously but a little humour is good for the soul also.

The next day being Monday, always starts with exercises. This week we had Joints in Action downstairs and Keep fit upstairs. The afternoon was spent visiting with the Salvation Army folks, who gave us calendars for 2003. The people from the Salvation Army are truly dedicated and bring the comfort of an open heart to all and a warm hug to all in need.

Residents who were able went down the hall and visited with the VON adult day program. They were invited to watch an exhibition put on by the Scottish Dancers.

While there, they also enjoyed some shortbread cookies which the program had made earlier. Well done were our sentiments of the dancers. It looks like fun and a great way to stay in shape. We take our hats off to you.

Tuesday is our regular Chapel Service and this week Rev. Everall held service with communion. We hold Prayer Friends downstairs for those not able to attend regular service, where they enjoyed bible readings and hymns. Tuesday afternoons are for our crafters who never fail to find things to do, usually to brighten up the other residents on special occasions. Downstairs they enjoyed singing with Joy Bain as she tickled the ivories.

We are up to Wednesday already; time is flying fast today. On Wednesday we started our day with Keep Fit, then in the afternoon the euchre players gathered and all went away happy so everyone was a winner. Roy Nichols played cribbage with Helen Huffman. Roy claims he won three out of five games played but we have not heard Helen's side yet. "The Gang" had to cancel due to illness. We were sorry to hear this and we do hope they are all well soon! Our thoughts are with you all.

We played another game of bingo instead, so we still had a good time. Mary Goldsmith was our jackpot winner with Elli Boehm winning three games. Again the anticipation of that single seemingly lost number was experienced by many. Oh well, guess that's what makes it fun or frustrating, it depends on your attitude.

This week we welcome Lila Coles who has moved into our respite room for a while. Lila plays the organ beautifully and enjoys entertaining the residents.

We send a warm welcome back to our travelling staff members. However not as warm as where they've been. Suzanne came back from Hawaii, New Zealand and Australia. Oh that sounds like a dream trip Suzanne, we'll not even ask if you enjoyed yourself, how could you not? Terri is tanned and back from Puerto Plata and Joanne is currently in St. Luci, while Kathy is in Cuba. May you all have found an extra ray of sunshine and heart full of warmth that will outlast winter. Just the thought of those places has warmed us, how nice it is of our staff to share their vacation memories and snapshots with us.

Until next week bundle up from the cold and we have found that if you try to remember those hot summer days and think warm thoughts it helps. Whatever it takes to keep warm! Bye for now.

FROM THE BAHÀ'I WRITINGS

"All the Prophets of God
proclaim the same Faith."

Minden WI prepares for a busy year

by DOLORES CARTMILL
Special to The Times

The members of the Minden Women's Institute met in the common room for the first meeting of the new year. We were welcomed by our vice-president followed by everyone singing our opening ode and repeating our creed. The roll was answered by 14 members and one guest, each naming a person who contributed to an important change in our history.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved and our treasurer gave her report showing a substantial balance.

We received requests to manage the tea rooms for two upcoming craft shows in Minden, one in May and the other in July. We were all in favour of participating in these events.

A report was received on current events for the months of November and December 2002. This got our attention.

We also discussed the theme we will have for our display at the upcoming Summer Fair.

The members shared items of interest from the books they had read, which was also very interesting. Following that, the meeting adjourned and the WI grace was said.



Mary Cox, Beulah Hewitt and Betty Herlihey show off the beautiful crafts at the Minden Women's Institute Christmas Craft show recently. Photo submitted.

Poker rally fever is buzzing through Dorset



DORSET NEWS

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"No one has looked back sadly on a life full of experiences, but many look back wishing they had had the courage to do more." Anonymous

Haliburton County Home Support Services are available to residents of Dorset 55 and over and/or physically disabled adults aged 18-plus. Services that are available include home help, home maintenance, friendly visiting and security, emergency response system, in-home respite and social recreation. Home support provides security checks at no charge, in home respite at no charge, transportation to medical appointments where Home Support covers half the cost, hot meals on wheels for \$5 and frozen dinners for \$3.35 per entre delivered at no charge. Home support will help to find a reputable volunteer who

will do your home help or maintenance for only \$12 per hour. For more information on these programs and others not mentioned, please call Roxanne Casey, Resource Development Co-ordinator for Haliburton County Home Support Services at 705-457-2941. There are a number of flyers and brochures with more information at the Dorset Recreation Centre.

The Tall Pines Snowmobile Club and Lions Camp Dorset Poker Rally and St. Valentine's Dance is set for Saturday, February 8 beginning at 10 a.m. Pre-registration takes place on Friday, February 7 from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. All events start and finish at Lions Camp Dorset on Kawagama Lake Road, Dorset and there are over \$10,000 in prizes with the first prize being \$2,000 cash. Requirements for entering the Poker Rally are OFSC trail permits and the registration fee, which is \$30 per person. Children under 12 may ride for free. The fee includes participation in the rally, Continental breakfast, dinner, prizes following the dinner, corporate checkpoints and surprises, snack bar and refreshments. \$50 worth of pledges gives you a free ride.

The top five pledges wins a \$500 prize. Pledge forms

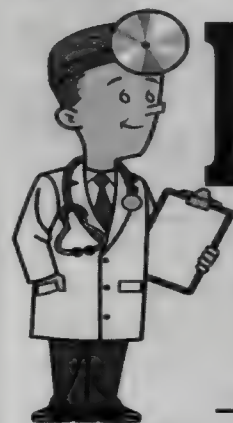
are available by calling Barb at 705-766-2108 or Donna at 705-766-9253. The proceeds of this event go to aid Kidney Dialysis Lions Camp Dorset. Lions Camp Dorset allows a vacation at the camp with the assurance that one or more family members requiring kidney dialysis can get their treatment on site at the Clinic. Now families can plan a holiday together. Help support this worthwhile cause.

The weekend following the Poker Rally, Friday and Saturday, February 14 and 15 is the 13th Annual Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival. Lots of great events have once again been planned. Watch for upcoming Dorset News columns for a listing of events, or check out the website at www.dorsetsnowball.com.

Birthday wishes for January 26 to February 1 go out to Yvon Chatelain, Darryl Dukoff, Joy Moon and Nathan Jones. Have a wonderful day!

H.H. Here's a neat idea for an emergency sweater dryer. Prop a window screen between two chairs, cover with an old sheet and you've got an instant sweater dryer.

To submit something for the Dorset news send E-mail to melalfano@hotmail.com, stop by The Dorset Recreation Centre or call at 766-0076.



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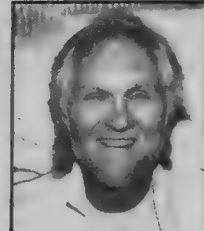
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New dementia numbers in Haliburton County

There's a good chance someone you know is affected by Alzheimer disease. The current number of dementia cases in 2002 in Haliburton County was 327 among people older than 65 years of age. By 2011, the projected dementia cases will rise to 487 - a 32% increase.

As the baby boomer generation moves into the age group of highest risk, the number of people diagnosed with Alzheimer disease, which is a form of dementia, will rise dramatically. As the number increases, more Alzheimer patients, caregivers and families will need support and more professionals will need education on how to help Alzheimer patients and their families at home in facilities.

Living with Alzheimer disease is difficult. You may

wonder if there is an organization that can help you or if there is someone who can understand what you are going through. There is.

January is Alzheimer Awareness Month and the Alzheimer Society of Peterborough and Area is attempting to make people more aware of the services they offer. There will be a workshop "The Sunny Side of Stress & Dilemma, Depression, Dementia: What Can Staff Do? & The Family Experience: Caregiving is an Act of Love with Consequences" on January 22, at the Delta Pinestone Resort in Haliburton. As well Janet Bottum, the Haliburton Support Services Coordinator, is available at the Alzheimer Society's office at the Haliburton Family Medical Centre to answer questions.

Confidential, free support include individual, family and group counseling by phone, in office, home visits and discussion groups as well as education. Please call Janet Bottum at the Haliburton Alzheimer Society office 705-457-8335 or 1-800-561-2588 or visit the web site: <http://aspapbo.freeyellow.com> for details of upcoming events and for more information.

Let the Alzheimer Society be your "Beacon of Hope" to help you decrease the fear, isolation and stigma associated with Alzheimer Disease and related dementias.

For more information, please contact
Karen Marten, Education Coordinator
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Haliburton: Stuart Barker E.S. February 4th, 2003 at 6:30 p.m.
Muskoka: Monck P.S. January 28, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.
Riverside P.S. January 28, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

For more information on this program, please contact the school.

- Registration forms will be available at each location and must be returned to the appropriate school by **February 7, 2003**.
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Emma 'the plant' can really belt out a tune



AROUND THE TOWN

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Mid week and off to Ajax again this time to celebrate daughter Megan's birthday. En route we picked up granddaughter Emma in Whitby at her new school "Trafalgar Castle," formerly the Ontario Ladies College. It had been a long day with play practice after class for April's school production of "Little Shop Of Horrors." This 1987 musical satire is about a small florist shop on New York City's seedy East Side and an ever-enlarging plant housed there with the nasty habit of eating people. Described in the script as a cross between a Venus Flytrap and an avocado, The Plant becomes shark-like when opening its huge pod to snap up food. As to the voice of The Plant to quote from the playbook "the sound is a cross between Otis Redding, Barry White and Wolfman Jack. Think of The Voice as that of a street-smart, funky conniving villain - Rhythm and Blues' answer to Richard the Third." After all those expensive lessons to sweeten her sound when the curtain opens it will be none other than Emma The

Plant belting out the lyrics. She'll be great.

Back home at the farmhouse a Scarlet Star, our only plant of that "Bromeliad" family, now enjoys new found respect. The natural water holding "urn" formed by its leaf stems is freshly refilled daily, plant overall height carefully recorded to guard against any sudden growth spurts and the location of Clarence the cat duly noted to ensure that he is still with us in the land of the living. Just think how history might have been changed if the Tower dwellers had kept a better eye on that scoundrel Richard the Third.

St. Luke's Anglican Church, Burnt River invites everyone to join in its Centennial Celebrations 1903-2003 on Sunday, February 2, starting at 7:15 p.m. Special musical guests from Fenelon Falls will include Lynne Davis on the organ, Tim Crouch playing flute, and Peter Crouch on the trumpet. Thank you to Ada Handley for sending along this special notice of a marvelous milestone.

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services, which operates the Minden and Haliburton Health Care Centres, has been conducting Focus Workshops throughout our greater community. These sessions are designed to provide an opportunity for residents, permanent and seasonal, to express their ideas regarding health care service needs as they relate to these hospitals. The Galway and

Area Ratepayers Association Inc. will be hosting one of these workshops conducted by Dr. Dick Charron for residents of Galway and the Kinmount area at the Galway Community Centre from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, January 30. Do come, your input is important.

Just a reminder of the Minden and District Horticultural Society's two upcoming events with its Annual General Meeting and Pot Luck Luncheon on Saturday, February 1 at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Minden starting at noon. The bus trip heading off to "Canada Blooms" on Wednesday, March 12 will leave from the Minden Municipal Office at 7:30 a.m., returning at 9 p.m. The cost is \$40. Everyone is welcome but a 2003 Society membership (\$5) is required and this can be purchased at the Annual General Meeting/Pot Luck Luncheon.

Now for the scoring news and a reminder that a hug is a great gift and one size fits all. Keep well and busy, they go together.

Thursday, January 16 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: May Bradbury reports that for most lone hands it was Pat Roussel for the ladies and Joyce Broersma representing the gents. High scores ladies/men

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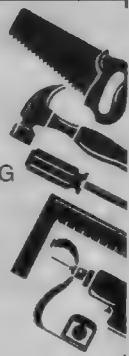
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Stanhope records two grand slams in one day

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went to Verna McDonald and Bill Van Dyke, while Helen Skelding and Laura Carnegie held the lows. Other prize winners were Anne McCreight, Gala Stamp, Kay Orr and Norm Lee, who took two.

Friday, January 17 bid euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: The "Moonshot Trio" members Sharon Evans and Stan and Jean Dutka shared the winner's circle with Jean Scadden who held the hidden score. Our reporter Jean Dutka also led the pinks with 287, followed by Sharon Evans 234 and Marj Coffey 201, while Pat Scadden 329 topped the white card-

holders, with Bob McConnell 286 second and Garth Windsor 264 third.

Saturday, January 18 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Ruth Kellett reports a good turnout and a tie for first place at 330 points between Marcel Roussel and Georgina Deeks. For hidden scores the honours went to Jack Chilton, Mildred St. Thomas and Rob Evans, while Isobel Cherwenka, along with Pat and Marcel Roussel, took single moonshots. Mildred St. Thomas had two.

Monday, January 20 cribbage at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Top spot

went to Esther Lee, with Joe Rivers second. Lois Adamson, Pat Scadden and Elva Paisley took home the other prizes.

Monday, January 20 euchre at the Friendship Club, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden: A chorus of "Happy Birthday" wishes were sung for Fern Donnelly and, on the early side, for Bill Mosley. Lorna Hicks and Pearl Cowen held the most lone hands ladies/men while Carl Nesbitt and Barbara Braithwaite recorded the highs. Fern Donnelly uncovered the hidden score and Laura Carnegie and Gwen Cox took the afternoon's lows, with Gwen also winning a special prize along with Pearl Cowen.

Monday, January 20 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Ken Wallace reports that Kay Orr was the winner for most lone hands, with the high score for the ladies recorded by Jean Dutka and by Olive Daniels representing the gents. Low scores of the day went to Marjorie Cowen and Bob McConnell, while Pearl Kernohan took home the baloney.

Monday, January 20 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Iris Taylor had the high score honours and Cecil Smith the low. The lone hand winner was Georgina Deeks, with Bill Van Dyke awarded the special prize. No names were given, but apparently that black/white furry creature left its den long enough to pay Staanworth euchre a visit.

Monday, January 20 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: The high score was recorded by Vic Ballik, with Marjorie Paradis second. Esther Lee had the only moonshot, while the draws were won by Pat Scadden and Theresa Deak.

Tuesday, January 21 contract bridge at Stanhope: What a great afternoon with two Grand Slams, taken by Muriel McIntosh and Ross Fletcher, and Jan Heaven partnered with Harold Cox. Ross tells me that it would be more likely to get two Grand Slams over an entire year. For high scores Harold Cox was first with 7030, followed by Jan Heaven 5850, Ross Davies 5620 and Donna Medland 5300. Lucky draw winner June Branning congratulated Harold Cox on his Special "WALHFH" Award. Harold had to agree that his high score came "With A Little Help From Heaven".

Tuesday, January 21 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: In first place was Verna McDonald, then Elli Langpohl second and Ruth Kellett third. Moonshots rained down with Georgina Parkes, Marg Fletcher, Esther Lee, Helen Henderson, Ruth Kellett and Trudy Kroes recording singles, while Pat Scadden had two. Hidden score holders were Esther Lee, Gala Stamp and Mary Coltman. Thanks to Marie Dennie for her update.

Tuesday, January 21 Stanhope Fire Hall Seniors Social Club Mixed Shuffleboard: George Hamilton and Betty Lockhart were the top duo with 271, followed by Helen Skelding teamed with Marj Hamilton 148 and Beverley Alexander and Barbara Gamble 147. Lil Allen and Marvel Eager recorded the afternoon's low score, then joined in the birthday wishes for Barbara.

Tuesday, January 21 euchre at Gelert: Audrey Vick reports a good turnout in spite of the cold. Rita Crofts and Gala Newell were high/low lady with Harold Harvie and Gene Newell recording the high/low scores for the men. Ted Wilkins held the most lone hands, while Rita Crofts won the special prize of the evening.

Wednesday, January 22 bid euchre at Stanhope: In the moonshot department Sharon Evans, Lottie Ruttan, Jack Cox, Chris Clarke, Bob McConnell and Len Kroes each had a single. In first for the pinks was Lottie Ruttan 362, then Sharon Evans 309 and Esther Lee 286. Top spot for the white cards went to Bob McConnell 307, followed by Katie Parker 287 and Len Kroes 285. Thanks to Gala Stamp for this update.

Wednesday, January 22 duplicate bridge at Park Lane, Haliburton: Stella McMillan and Ross Davies teamed up to take first place with 59%, then Muriel McIntosh and Ross Fletcher 57%, with Ev Morgan and Bill Sandford third at 56%.

Wednesday, January 22 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: The high score honours for the ladies went to Theresa Deak, with Mildred St. Thomas taking the low. For the gents Truman McNeil had the highest score and Gerald Silver had the low. Roger Fournier held the most lone hands, while Marg Viney won the special draw.



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Haliburton Victoria Brock Provincial P.C. Association

Notice of Nomination Meeting

Members in good standing with the Haliburton Victoria Brock Provincial PC Riding Association are invited to attend and participate in the nomination meeting to select the PC Candidate for the next general election.

Date: Saturday, February 15, 2003

Time: Registration from Noon - 1:30pm
Meeting begins at 1:30 pm

Location: I.E. Weldon Secondary School
Weldon Road off Hwy #36
Lindsay, Ontario

Individuals must present two pieces of identification at registration in order to be entitled to vote.

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PLEASE NOTE: By HVBPPCA motion, 2002 memberships have been extended to participate in this important nomination meeting)

New memberships MUST be purchased by 1:30pm on Friday, January 31, 2003.

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450 IN MEMORIAM

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MISCIO, ANNIE - In loving memory of my dear mother who left us January 27, 1993. Mom went away without farewell

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ALLIN S. COOPER
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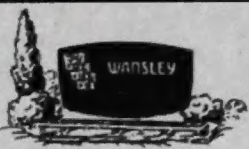
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EDWARD JAMES "ROGER" BRYANT
Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Friday, January 17, 2003 at the age of 55.

Beloved husband of Doris. Dear father of Rhonda and her husband Michael of West Guilford, Valerie and her husband Chris of Minden, Dwight and his fiancée Shannon of Burlington, predeceased by Robert. Loving grandfather of Paul, Tim, Benjamin and Kyle. Dear brother of Brad, Sheila and Shirley. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday. Funeral Service was held in the chapel on Monday, January 20, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. Cremation to follow. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Princess Margaret Hospital or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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- **CLIMAX Climbing Club** every Tuesday at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for Parents and Children under 13 years, and 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for teens and adults. Drop-in indoor rock climbing. For more information contact Greg Shantz at Family Services 457-5345.
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- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside lounge at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info., please call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699 or email: leacliff@sympatico.ca.
- **ONTARIO BREAST SCREENING PROGRAM** for women 50 years and over, screening on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for an appointment. 705-328-6175
- **Urgent Need of Respite Volunteers?** Haliburton County Home Support Services is in urgent need of Respite Volunteers for the Minden area. We are looking for volunteers who would be able to give a couple of hours a week to sit, read or chat over a cup of tea with a client, while their caregiver gets a much needed break. Do you want to make a difference in someone's life? We are looking for you! Call 457-2941 for more info.
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- **Haliburton County Home Support** is considering another trip to the wonderful musical Mamma Mia. If you are interested in seeing Mamma Mia, please call Adel Barnes at 448-2838.
- **Haliburton County Home Support** has volunteers just waiting to give seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults a SECURITY CHECK PHONE CALL. If you know of anyone who needs a phone call once a day, please call Judy at 457-2941.
- Home Support is holding an ongoing Treasure Sale in the Drop in Centre in the Halco Plaza. We accept items in good condition. Drop in and check it out.
- **January 28:** Lunch Day at C.H.A.C.E. Resource Centre (Minden). We will be making chicken noodle soup and homemade pretzels. No cost, please call to sign up 286-1770.
- **January 29:** "Playing with your Baby" Workshop at C.H.A.C.E. Resource Centre (Minden) at 1 p.m. Nancy Ballantyne will be our guest speaker. There is no charge to attend and childcare is available. Please call to register 286-1770.
- **January 29:** The Alzheimer Society of Victoria County is having a Memorial Service during January Alzheimer Awareness Month to recall the lives of those who have died of Alzheimer Disease and related dementias to further show our respect and condolences to bereaved families and the community. Please plan to attend at 7 p.m. at Queen Street United Church, Lindsay. Refreshments in the lower level will follow the service.
- **January 30:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups- Minden, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. hyland Crest Meeting Classroom. please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457-8335. Adult children, family and friends of persons with Alzheimer Disease or related dementias are welcome to attend. This is an opportunity to share information in a relaxed friendly environment.
- **January 30:** Haliburton Highland's Twirlers will host a Square Dance Open House at 7:30 p.m. at the Haliburton Arena.
- **January 31:** The Haliburton-Kawartha Maple Syrup Producers Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting at the Buckhorn Community Centre which is on Lakehurst Road about 1.5 km west of the traffic lights north of the Canal in Buckhorn. We invite all our old friends and welcome everyone who is interested in Maple Syrup to attend. The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m., so please call now to register 705-657-2134.
- **February 1:** Fund Raiser Dance and Dinner at the Minden Royal Canadian Legion. For more information phone 286-4541.
- **February 1:** X-Country Ski Workshop- Whether you are new to skiing or just want to refresh your technique, you'll benefit from this introduction to classic-style skiing. Hosted at the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre. This is the 2nd in a series of 5 winter travel workshops presented by the Haliburton Trails and Tours Network. For more information, call 286-1760 or visit www.trailsandtours.com.
- **February 5:** Basic Square Dance course. 10 weeks. For info call Glen/ Heather at 457-3993.
- **February 6:** L.I.F.T. Ladies in Fellowship Together. 7:30-9:30 p.m. West Guilford Recreation Centre. Theme is "Take Heart". Speaker: June Devolin, Haliburton. Music: Trio (Chris, Jessie, Elle) Camarvon. Features: Making Chocolates with Wendy & Jane. For information call Lyn at 457-3155 or Alice at 754-2808.
- **February 8:** Tall Pines Snowmobile Club & Lions Camp Dorset "Poker Rally" & St. Valentine's Dance at 10 a.m. All events start and finish at Lions Camp Dorset Kawagama Lake Road, Dorset. Pre-registration: Friday 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Registration: Saturday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. max: 350 participants. For information call: Barb (705) 766-2108 or Donna (705) 766-9253.
- **February 11:** Basic Rescuer Recertification. Learn and save a life. For more information and registration phone 324-1656
- **February 12:** Valentine's Party and Potluck lunch at the C.H.A.C.E. Resource Centre (Minden) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Songs, games, crafts and fun! Call 286-1770 to register.
- **February 15 & 22:** Heart Saver/ Infant Child. Learn and save a life. For more information and registration phone 324-1656
- **February 15:** Snowshoeing- Discover an ancient craft that is fun and oh so easy to learn -no complicated equipment, no fancy footwork. if you enjoy hiking, you'll love snowshoeing. Held at Camp Kandalore. For more information or to register, contact Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network at (705) 286-1760 or email info@trailsandtours.on.ca

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